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# PREFACE.

"MEN OF MARK IN THE WORLD OF SPORT IN NEW ZEALAND" should be an appropriate title for a work containing the photos. and biographical sketches of representative men, most of whom are deeply interested in racing, hunting, and other sports. To make this book representative, it was necessary to take the leading actors in all departments, but it is not pretended that the list has been exhausted, the field is so large. Connecting links will be found between the old racing world and the new in its pages. There are many who have helped, or are assisting, to make turf history, whom the Editor would have been pleased to add to the collection, but a few, from excessive modesty, declined; others were negligent, and had to be left out, and a few have been omitted unintentionally. To have included all would have been a much heavier undertaking than a busy man could accomplish. The book has, however, run into greater dimensions than was promised at the outset, and contains about 250 illustrations. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting many of the photos. and information. The Editor desires to express his sincere thanks to those who so cordially responded, and others who have promised support, and trusts that any shortcomings may be overlooked. He would add, in conclusion, that he has received every consideration from his publishers, the Brett Printing and Publishing Company, who have done the whole of the mechanical work in connection with the illustrations and the issue of the book.

THE EDITOR.

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# TRADUCER AND MUSKET.

If asked to name two horses that had done the greatest service to racing and breeding in New Zealand, those who have had opportunities of judging would be found in a large majority on the side of Traducer and Musket. Both great sires themselves, they have lived again through their sons and daughters and their grandchildren. We have had other great sires in Sir Hercules and Riddlesworth, both of whom did immense good in earlier days, but neither got the opportunities. However, none stand out like the two horses named. Traducer got great horses and great mares from thoroughbred mates, but was marvellously successful when mated with half-breds, and got wonderfully good hacks and jumpers. Musket was not given many half-breds, and his gets were not good hacks.

## TRADUCER.

Traducer raced less frequently than Musket, and was one of only four sons of The Libel that were kept entire. It was not generally thought at the time of his purchase that New Zealand was getting other than a useful horse, but in reality one of the best stud horses the world has seen was parted with. [Reference to Traducer's importation is made on page 92.—Ed.] He and others were survivors of a six months' trip in a sailing vessel. Traducer was very little used for the first few seasons after his importation, and really got few chances with thoroughbred mares, being practically wasted. Backbiter, from Gitana, in 1863, was the first of note, and it was not until 1867 that Malice, Envy, No Name, and Hatred were foaled, and from that time up to his death in 1880 he continued to leave good stock. Before the 1867 and 1868 foals had done him any service to speak of, so little was thought of Traducer that he was sold to the late Mr. L. Daniel and the late Mr. John Walker, of Aramoho, Wanganui, where he had only a few Stud Book mares, but was heavily patronised by nearly all the best-known breeders, who sent the best mares they had from far and near to him for two seasons. He did yeoman service there; but it began to dawn on Canterbury breeders that they had made a mistake in parting with him, and he was repurchased, and later on stood at a fee of fifty guineas. Traducer never covered, as has been stated, at thirty shillings. During Traducer's stud career not more than sixty-five Stud Book mares were bred to him, and on the turf and at the stud he probably did not have more than one hundred and twenty representatives from those sources, though he had numerous successful performers from mares whose pedigrees could not be traced far back, and were not eligible for the Stud Book. The

following list comprises the names of nearly all the thoroughbred sons and daughters of Traducer that have gained distinction either on the turf or at the stud:—Backbiter, Gossip, Calumny, Slanderer, Tres Deuce, Malice, Lurline, Castaway, Le Loup, Lure, Envy, Talisman, Sorcerer, Castonette, Tribune, Hatred, Detractor, Defamer, Defamation, Magician, Traitor, Fiction, Bedouin, Templeton, Haidee, Miranda, No Name, Maritana, Grey Momus, Spritsail, Red Rose, Fishhook, Camellia, Maid of the Mountain, Voltaire, Voltarina, The Bard, Rose d'Amour, Glendavy, Peggy, Mangle, Mufti, Wrangler, Jangler, Becky Sharp, Flattery, Welcome Jack, Dead Heat, Danbury, Adamant, Undine, Middleton, Elsa, Bribery, Foul Play, Chancellor, Lancaster, Minerva, Trump Card, Dione, Camden, Garibaldi, Parthenopeous, Atlantic, Watersprite, Natator, Nautilus, Hannah, Dundee, Luna, York, Eglantine, Tell Tale, Libeller, Rosarina, Piscatorious, Betrayer, Sir Modred, Idalium, Cheviot, July, Mountaineer, Oberon, Virginia Water, Grand Duchess, Marie Antoinette, Dauphin, Quibble, Fleur de Lis, The Jilt, Somnus, Siesta, Vanguard, Louis d'Or, Florin, Amulet, Trinket, Violin, Casta Diva, Mirelle, Digby Grand, Iris, Speargrass, Helena, Argentine, Castille, Haphazard, Te Whetumarama, and Uira.

## MUSKET.

Musket, it may not be generally known, was condemned, with others of the same age, to be shot when two years old by his then owner, the eccentric Lord Glasgow, as when tried at that age he was no good; but his trainer pleaded for the colt to be given another chance, and at three, four and five years old he won, proving himself a great stayer. He left some good winners in England, but it was after his expatriation that most of them came out, or he would never have reached Maoriland, for a lot of important races were won by his progeny after he had reached Auckland. It was really due in a great measure to the advertisement that he received in this way that a number of breeders in different parts of the colony and in Auckland decided to patronise him. Many breeders sent mares to be mated with the son of Toxopholite without having seen him. His own deeds as a racehorse and a great stayer were brought again and again prominently before breeders by the newspaper press. It was a stroke of good fortune that in the first season after his arrival he should have been mated with several mares amongst the few thoroughbreds that were sent to him who produced winners. The stud gem Sylvia, who had been purchased by the Glen Orchard Stud Company, was one of them. Martini-Henry, as already stated, was the result of the union with the Fisherman mare. As a matter of fact, Sylvia, Onyx (who unfortunately missed), and Erycina (who produced the flyer Mitrailleuse) were the only mares mated with Musket in 1879 whose pedigrees could be fully traced. What would be called the numberless ones were Yatterina

(who produced Musketeer), Maid of Athol (who left Sneider), Lady Elizabeth (who left A.B.), All Steel (who left Bessemer), Winifred (who left Escopeta), Aconite (who left Waewaehapi), Jenny Lind (who left Linda), Repo (who left Iona), and a mare who left Miss Musket. Of those first to earn distinction of the horses Musket first got in New Zealand, and which were foaled in 1880, were Mitrailleuse, Escopeta, and Martini-Henry; but Linda, Musketeer, Miss Musket, and Iona each gained winning brackets.

Musket, during the seven seasons he was at the service of breeders in Auckland, was the parent of between 120 and 130 colts and fillies, from about eighty Stud Book mares, twenty-two of which produced about half the number, and, as in the case of Traducer, there were about an equal number of colts and fillies. The following is a list of nearly all Musket's representatives:—Martini-Henry, Musketeer, A.B., Sneider, Bessemer, Escopeta, Waewaehapi, Linda, Iona, Mitrailleuse, Miss Musket, Trenton, Krupp, Torpedo, Fusileer, Tetford, Carbineer, Revolver, Flintlock (son of Georgi), Armament, Remington, Woodnymph, Necklace, Cantiniere, Eileen Alanah, Nordenfeldt, Thunderbolt, Soudan, West Australian, Tit Bit, Matchlock, Rifleshot, Fusilade, Ener, Archer, Derringer, Foul Shot, Enfield, Industry, Lady Walmsley, Vivandiere, Discord, Maori Queen, Rosebud, Coral, Percussion, Elfin, Waitiri, Muskapeer, Brigadier, Jacinth, Artillery, Howitzer, Cannon, St. Clair, Musk Rose, Ricochet, Ophelia, Amelia, Torou, Tamora, Tranter, Wonderland, Enfilade, Waterfall, Maxim, Flintlock (son of Agate), Mana, Hiko, Martini-Enfield, W. E. Gladstone, Escutcheon, Lady Cicely, Engagement, Fusee, Vivid, Lady Alice, Fancy Free, Lady Florin, Bangle, Falconette, Lady Mersey, Balista, Carbine, Teksum, Braemar, Hotchkiss, Cuirassier, Puschka, Francotte, Chainshot, Tartar, Manton, Firelock, Kariri, Happy Land, Muskerina, Kotuku, Precedence, Hilda, Brown Bess, Bona Vista, Forest Queen, Tirailleur, Scots Grey, Corunna, Cissy, Necklet, Rose Argent, Musk Deer, and Pearl Shell. Belle, Snapshot, and an odd one or two others by Musket from mares whose pedigrees could not be traced far, were winners, and Musket Maid, another in the same category, has produced Waiuku and Okoari.

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# MR. HENRY REDWOOD.

## "FATHER OF THE NEW ZEALAND TURF."

No sportsman south of the line is better remembered by old-time racing men and settlers throughout the colonies than Mr. Henry Redwood, who has long been known as "The Father of the New Zealand Turf." Who can say that he has not fully earned the title? As a breeder and importer of thoroughbreds, chiefly from Australian studs, and as the owner of first-class racing stock for a very long period of years, the name of Henry Redwood became throughout the length and breadth of the colonies as a household word. There are, indeed, not many men living, certainly none in this part of the world, who have spent such a long life in active participation in racing affairs, and the rearing and development of blood horses, so many of which, or their progeny, have graced New Zealand and Australian race-courses.

Mr. Redwood was born at "Tixall," Sir Clifford Constable's estate, in Staffordshire, and, before coming to New Zealand, owned and rode a mare called Tixall Lass, and a few other horses, though with only moderate success. He came out with his father on the George Fife, which vessel brought at the same time Sir Charles Clifford, Mr. Vavasour, Mr. Fox (afterwards Sir William Fox), and Mr. Bell (afterwards Sir Francis Dillon Bell). The port at which they landed was Wellington, from whence Mr. Redwood and his parents shortly went to Nelson. Mr. Henry, the subject of this sketch, taking up his residence at Hednesford, where he spent six years in making that property, and saw all the early racing there was to be seen in those parts.

Mr. Redwood, who has been in retirement for but a few years, has attained to the age of 84 years, and the photo. which appears opposite was taken of him as recently as March 25th, 1905, by Mr. F. Jones, of Nelson; and as Mr. Redwood came to this colony in the year 1841, and entered upon his career as a keen patron of sport practically from the outset, he has thus been engaged in racing in New Zealand for over sixty years, for it is only a few seasons since his horses were seen out at a meeting in Nelson. He is one of a family of eight, and his father before him was one of the pioneer settlers of New Zealand, who took a kindly interest in matters pertaining to breeding. Though not to any great extent an active participant in the racing of the thoroughbred, Mr. Redwood, senr., was interested in the keen racing rivalry between his sons, and his interest showed a leaning towards Mr. Henry's brothers.

Redwood, senr., was an English agriculturist on Sir Clifford Constable's estate, where the preservation of game was strictly

carried out, and his sons, Henry (the subject of this sketch), Charles, and Tom, were typical of the British farmer, while Joseph was a veterinary surgeon of standing, and remained in England. Each of the others named made agricultural and pastoral pursuits the main part of their life employment, while Frank, their younger brother, became Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church, and, indeed, was the youngest Bishop ever created. The late Mesdames Boulton, Goulter, and Ward were sisters.

It was in Marlborough, on both the Nelson and Blenheim sides, that the brothers Redwood carried on farming operations, and Henry was the one who did so on the most extensive scale, his farm at Spring Creek being known as the Model Farm. Henry went in for cropping heavily in some seasons, was the first to introduce steam ploughs, and devoted time and money to the rearing of stud cattle and sheep; but in his farming, as well as in his breeding and racing pursuits, he had his reverses as well as successes, and few men who have played high in these particular lines find it all plain sailing.

Mr. Redwood's life would form a history in itself. He had much veterinary knowledge, was a fair but not so good a horseman as his brother Tom; was an excellent shot, and, indeed, had experience as a boy in shooting the deer required for use on or to be sent from the estate managed by his father before they came from Home. Many large bags of game were secured by him in different parts of this colony, and, as a matter of fact, all the Redwood family were excellent shots, Joseph and Fred, his sons, Hamilton, his grandson, and Mr. Eccles, his nephew, each being crack pigeon shots.

For quite fifty years of his life, indeed up till about fourteen years ago, Mr. Redwood more than held his own in the big pigeon matches he went in for in this and our sister colonies when opportunity presented, and it was quite a revelation to those who witnessed his brilliant form in the big match at Exhibition time in Dunedin. That was but one of scores of matches in which he showed his prowess with the gun. He was then verging on seventy years of age.

Mr. Redwood made many a long cruise from port to port in New Zealand in his yacht Torea, and practical men say that few could handle a craft of that description with greater judgment, and many old-time sportsmen who used to accompany him on some of his shooting, fishing, and yachting excursions have been pleased to offer confirmation on this head; but they would tell, too, without reservation, that the "Guv'nor" took some risks at times. It is related of him that when he had to undergo a nautical examination he was asked what he knew about navigation, and he at once answered, "Just about enough to try and keep from getting wet." Mr. Redwood had a sound general

knowledge of machinery, and was a student of scientific works on the subject. He could talk horse pedigree, a favourite theme when the subject was about some of the good old colonial families; and he could quote Shakespeare as readily and freely up to a recent date as most men. To the pretty little epilogue in "As You Like It" his naming of that prolific mare Rosalind, and afterwards Epilogue and Prologue, her daughters, can be traced.

**Mr. HENRY REDWOOD**
**At 70 Years of Age.**

It was in Nelson that Mr. Redwood's racing colours, black jacket and red cap, were first seen on a racecourse, and though it has not become turf history where racing first took place in New Zealand, it is certain that Nelson was not much behind, and, indeed, is credited by some of the early writers with being the first province in which a race meeting was brought off in Maoriland. This was not long before Mr. Redwood's advent to

that part of the colony, which early became the leading racing district of New Zealand, quite a number of good sportsmen having taken up land and their residence there, lending their aid in the importation, breeding, and racing of blood stock. As a consequence, quite the best turf representatives New Zealand had in the early days were imported to or had their origin from mares and sires which were purchased and imported by the early settlers, chiefly those located in different parts of Marlborough, near Nelson, and these settlers represented sportsmen of the best type.

Mr. Henry Redwood enjoyed much popularity, both in New Zealand and in our sister colonies. Those were the pre-totalisator days, and there were then very few owners who did not bet more or less heavily. It was a no uncommon thing for one owner to match his foals, picking out a given number, usually three, to race a like number of those of some rival breeder and owner at three years old. Bets up to £500 were sometimes made in such a way, and the greatest interest was manifested in these matches, in which Mr. Redwood sometimes took a hand. Nor were matches confined to New Zealand. They were all the vogue in Australia, between horses of mature years usually, and some of Mr. Redwood's horses contested in events of that kind.

Racing in the early days of New Zealand was carried on on a very different scale to what we find to-day, and Mr. Redwood made many visits to Australia with the pick of his horses to compete for the best prizes offered there, taking them to Sydney on the very irregular steamers and vessels then at the service of New Zealanders. Travelling to the island continent was attended with greater risk, longer delays, and much more inconvenience than people of to-day can imagine. Not a few of Mr. Redwood's early importations, indeed, most of them, and those of other breeders and sportsmen residing at Nelson and in other parts of the colony, came over in cattle ships trading at fairly long intervals from New South Wales, and to mares imported and brought to New Zealand in this way some of the very best horses we have had and are racing to-day owe their origin. Unfortunately, much carelessness was shown by some importers in those days in not keeping records of the pedigrees of their foreign purchases.

Mr. Redwood rode at an early period in his New Zealand career, but was moulded on lines which rendered him one always of solid proportions, and welter weight racing, though more in favour in the early days, was not so extensively followed as to give men of Mr. Redwood's ambitions many opportunities of following their inclinations. The horseman of the family, it is always claimed, was his brother Tom, who was a much handier weight, though there were few welters like Mr. Henry, who had his first winning ride in New Zealand on Mr. Shroder's Patch.

It has been stated that his brother Frank, as already mentioned, now Archbishop of the Catholic Church, was also a good horseman, but he never rode in public. He could, however, run a hundred yards fast, and was supposed to be the smartest runner in Nelson in his school days.

Perhaps the greatest service Mr. Henry Redwood did to New Zealand in the early days was in importing Sir Hercules, who became a famous sire, and who was the parent of so many good mares back to which we trace numerous of our best horses. Pages could be written about this horse and his influence on thoroughbred pedigrees of horses throughout Australasia. Our sister colonies were fortunate in getting Sir Hercules back after he had been but a comparatively short time in New Zealand.

In 1846 Mr. Redwood witnessed Mr. Gee's Gypsy, maternal ancestress of so many good horses, beat Mr. Duppa's Quilp, and saw the same mare beat Mr. Duppa's Il Barbiere later on, and, in 1848, get beaten by that horse. In 1849 Mr. Schroder's Patch won three races, and Mr. Redwood, riding 11st. 2lb., won the Tradesmen's Plate, two miles, at Nelson, on that horse. Later on Il Barbiere beat Patch. In 1851-2 Mr. Duppa visited New South Wales, and brought over Vesta, Miss Miller, Joe Miller, and Lamplighter, and Mr. Redwood imported Spray, Symphony, and the Cotherstone horse Sir George shortly afterwards. The mares have become famed in turf and stud story.

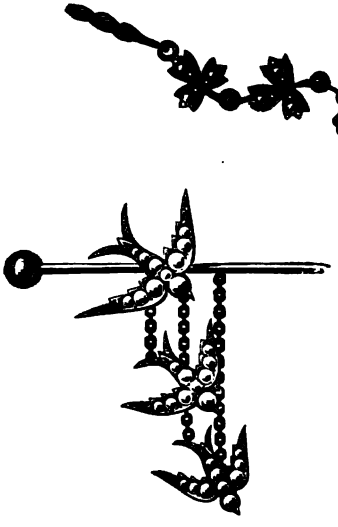
Sir Hercules came over with Flora McIvor and her daughters, Flora and Zoe, Cossack, Emily, Regalia, Moth, Glaucus, Finesse, and Woodstock, in June, 1852, when George and Edward Cutts first became acquainted with Mr. Redwood. On December 23rd, 1853, the number was increased when Bay Middleton, Chloe, Besom, Emma, Elster, Pancake, Chatty, Advance, and twenty-six others were brought to Nelson, that being a big and valuable shipment, and the importation of the mares and horses named, and, indeed, some mares that were not traced as to their breeding, and others that preceded them, gave the colony a big start. To Flora McIvor and Spray especially, to say nothing of other of the mares from which many cracks have descended, we owe our two greatest colonial racing families, and the name of Spray, whose ancestral line are some what obscure, enters into the pedigrees of a host of winning descendants. Some were first-class, but hardly up to the same standard as Flora McIvor's line, which, with that of the imported Pulchra, has given the colonies probably the two best branches of the 18 family, a family rarely heard of in England, but in the colonies unsurpassed in excellence. Miss Miller, as a maternal ancestress, gained everlasting fame. Cossack was really the first to carry Mr. Redwood's colours, and won pretty well all before him. Glaucus won races, and was sold to Sir William Fox, and did good service. Flora, Zoe, Symphony, and Zingara, the last-named from Gipsy, before mentioned, were

voted the four greatest mares of the early days, and won largely. Zoe and Zingara were sold in 1858 for 1,000 guineas to Judge Cheeke, of Sydney—big money in those days. Io, Miss Rowe, from Miss Miller, Strop, and Potentate, were bought by Mr. Redwood. Strop and Miss Rowe dead-heated for fourth place in the first Champion Race, won by The Flying Buck. Miss Rowe became the dam of the great Peeress. Strop was a remarkably game horse, and won numerous races in New Zealand and Australia, and Io, who met with an accident when taken to Australia, founded a great family; but Waimea, who, after winning a few races, was retired to the stud, gave to New Zealand great advertisement, being a prolific matron and the dam of many good sons and daughters who have proved themselves on the turf and at the stud. Mr. George Cutts had more than a trainer's interest in one of Mr. Redwood's first ventures on Australian territory after becoming associated with that owner. In 1870, Manuka, Peeress and Misfortune were sent over from Chokebore Lodge, Riccarton, which property was taken over by Mr. Henry Redwood in 1868, and Edward Cutts placed in charge. Manuka was voted the best horse ever sent to Australia up to that time, but met with an injury on the Nelson wharf; Misfortune ran in keeping with her name, but Peeress won the Royal Park Stakes at Flemington.

Mr. Redwood's next venture was in conjunction with the late Mr. James Watt—Lurline, Calumny, and Papapa, the last-named of which broke down. These great mares, when acclimatised, after being sold, did good service for their new owners. Mr. Redwood's last venture in Australia was undertaken in conjunction with Mr. G. G. Stead, that owner having, in 1875, purchased a half interest in Mr. Redwood's racing stud, the horses being placed in E. Cutts' hands. The racing operations were more than successful in New Zealand, but Trump Card and Le Loup, who were sent over to Australia and placed in the late Mr. W. E. Dakin's charge, were unfortunate, as related on pages 34 and 35.

To follow the turf career of Mr. Redwood in New Zealand in detail would take up too much space, a volume in itself. With Manuka he won the Canterbury Derby and Cup; with Peeress, the Canterbury Cup twice; and with Peeress, Kakapo, Guy Fawkes, and Mata, the Canterbury Jockey Club Handicap (now known as the New Zealand Cup); the C.J.C. Derby with Papapa, Songster and Black Rose; Great Autumn Handicap with Kakapo, Bribery, and Longlands; Canterbury Champagne with Wainui, Phoebe colt (afterwards called Ranolf), and Natator; the Dunedin Cup with Lurline and Mata; J.C. Handicap with Lurline and Guy Fawkes; the Dunedin Forbury Handicap with Ariel; Marlborough Cup with Norseman, Masthead, Peri, and Awarua Rose; Nelson Cup with Masthead and Awarua Rose; and the Wellington Cup with Korari and Guy Fawkes. Numerous other races fell to his portion, and he was often at the head of the list

of winning owners, while horses he bred or descended from his stud have always been largely in evidence. The names of the brothers George and Edward Cutts, P. Martin, R. J. Mason, the brothers Tom and Albert Lyford, and the late R. Raey, S. Powell, and many others who were boys with Mr. Redwood will always be associated with the gentleman we all know as "the father of racing in New Zealand."

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**SIR GEORGE CLIFFORD, Bart.**
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# SIR GEORGE CLIFFORD.

One of the best-known personages in the colonies is Sir George Hugh Charles Clifford, who succeeded his father in the baronetcy in 1893. He was born in New Zealand in 1847, and, though occasionally in England, has spent the greater part of his life in the colony, and identified himself with its sporting life by racing and breeding thoroughbreds for nearly a quarter of a century. Though, during and after his college days, an enthusiastic lover of sport, and a constant attendant at Newmarket and on other English race-courses, he received his first introduction to racing when about eleven years of age, at Burnham Waters, near Wellington, N.Z., and thus he may be said to be in every sense a New Zealand-born sportsman. In Wellington, too, he commenced his education, his father, Sir Charles Clifford, being the first Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand from 1853 to 1860, after which he took his family to England, and resided, first in Suffolk, at Coldham Hall, belonging to an old Roman Catholic family of which Sir Edward Gage was the head, and later at Hatherton Hall, in Staffordshire. It was at Stonyhurst College, an old family residence of Sir Frederick Weld's ancestors, which had been presented by them to their Church for a Roman Catholic college, that Sir George finished his education.

Stonyhurst Estate, in the Ashley County, in the South Island of New Zealand, was named after the Lancashire college when acquired in the year 1854 as a wild, uncultivated waste by Sir George's father, and in its improved state is now, and has been for some considerable time, the country home of Sir George. Under his management it has achieved a reputation as a breeding place for Merino, Corriedale, and especially Shropshire Down sheep, as the records of the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association can testify; and at Stonyhurst also have been bred the many thoroughbreds that have graced New Zealand race-courses, carrying the blue and gold chequers, the colours in the ancestral coat of arms of the Cliffords. Sir George has raced but few horses which have not been reared in his home paddocks, his chief delight being in winning with those he has watched from foalhood. Of late years his stud farming has been on a more extensive scale than formerly, and with a corresponding measure of success, to the satisfaction of the racing public, who largely follow the fortunes of the horses of the worthy baronet upon all courses where his livery is unfurled.

Sir George remained in England for some ten years, during which time, as a young enthusiast of racing in all its details, he had many opportunities of getting an insight into the way in

which sport was carried on at Newmarket and elsewhere. Experience thus gained was turned to good account. It was early in the eighties that Sir George (then Mr. G. H. Clifford) commenced breeding horses at Stonyhurst in a small way, and Puriki, by Towton from Toitoi, purchased from Mr. Henry Redwood, whose biography appears on preceding pages, was really the first thoroughbred mare he owned, and she produced in her first year for her new owner Tiger Tim, and next year Cruchfield, both by imported Cadogan, and Cruchfield won, amongst other races, the Hawke's Bay Cup, while Tiger Tim was a useful performer also. It was probably the fact of having been in England in 1878, and seeing Cadogan's brilliant win in the Woodcote Stakes, that caused Sir George to select Puriki, then mated with that imported horse. Be that as it may, he continued making purchases of blood mares, and soon got together a small stud, the fashionably-bred Aurifera, imported by the late Mr. "Ned" Griffiths, being one. Then followed the sisters Galatea and Teredo, from Nautilus, consequently both of the Waterwitch —Mermaid family. Subsequently the disappointing Alsace was bought, but the other mares made their mark.

Stonyhurst, by King of Clubs, was purchased at Middle Park as a yearling, and won the Canterbury Jockey Club's Welcome Stakes in 1884, that being the first time the chequers with which we are now so familiar were displayed. This colt also won the C.J.C. Champagne Stakes in the autumn of the same year, while, as a three-year-old, he won the Canterbury Derby, Canterbury Cup, and the Auckland Plate. Maligner, bred by Dr. Prins, who raced as "Mr. Horsford," was another early purchase, and he, too, proved a good stake winner, his most notable achievements being when he got home in the Canterbury Jockey Club's Great Easter Handicap, and in the Newtown and Poneke Stakes at the now defunct Island Bay meeting. His defeat in the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap of the same year, after a high trial with his then invincible stable companion, Nelson, was so manifestly wrong that it brought about a change of horsemen at Chokebore Lodge, and caused public suspicion to rest on at least one prominent penciller of that time. Apart from this experience, Sir George has always been a pronounced advocate of the totalisator, and he does not disguise the fact that he has never made a bet with a bookmaker during his racing career, which commenced, so far as this colony is concerned, with the advent of the automatic system of speculation on New Zealand racecourses.

Stonyhurst, as a sire, had not the success expected from a stayer so powerfully built, though from Golden Crest he had Golden Fleece, winner of the Stewards' Stakes, and Goldleaf, who won the Oaks and a sensational Great Autumn Handicap. It was, however, left to the quality-possessing and brilliant Clanranald, son of St. Leger and Scottish Lassie, who replaced

Stonyhurst, to do much better service, as with him began a decidedly useful succession of stake-earners, who have helped year after year to increase the winnings of their breeder. With the aid of two sons of imported Bill of Portland, in Treadmill and Quarryman, whose dams were sent to Australia to visit the son of St. Simon, Sir George won, in 1903-4, twenty-seven races, and was placed for the first time during his racing career at the head of the list of winning owners in New Zealand, a position never occupied previously by an owner with horses bred exclusively at his own stud. A fitting reward for enterprise and judgment in racing was thus attained.

The names of Chudleigh, St. Malo, Cynisca—raced in conjunction with Mr. G. Hunter—Pursestring, Aqualate, Teredina, Safeguard, Watchword, Golden Vale, Dalliance, Fireside, and others occur prior to the advent of the first of the Clanranalds to carry silk, and the handsome and speedy Glenogle, the first of them, won eight races worth over £2,000, and in the year following the crack stable two-year-old was Cannie Chiel, who, despite his faulty feet, has earned a reputation as the soundest of hard-worked horses, and is still, at seven years old, adding to his laurels, which comprised, at the close of the season of 1903-4, sixteen wins, with over £4,000 to credit. Glenaladale, winner of the Great Autumn Handicap, Terrapin, winner of many races in Mr. J. A. Holmes' colours, Scottish Minstrel, purchased from Mr. J. Cresswell, were of the same year as Cannie Chiel. Next year came Goldenmere and Cannie Chiel's robust and game sister, Windwhistle, whose fourteen wins include the Wanganui Guineas. Golden Vein next year won the Hawke's Bay Guineas. Tercelet, Somerled, and Battlecry were among the lesser lights. In the year 1902-3 the progeny of the Trenton mare Madowla, and the V.R.C. Oaks winner Elusive, came to the front. The latter's filly, To-morrow, by Bill of Portland, won the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, while Quarryman, by the same sire from Madowla, followed in Golden Vein's footsteps by winning the Hawke's Bay Guineas. The purchase of the Maxim mare Catherine Wheel, whose union with Bill of Portland had resulted in the production of a brilliant colt in Treadmill, was a fortunate one for Sir George, for that colt won the C.J.C. Champagne and Challenge Stakes, New Zealand Challenge Stakes, Wanganui Guineas, Canterbury Cup, and N.Z. St. Leger. In 1903-4 the efforts of the older horses were well supplimented by the recruits from the Stonyhurst Stud, as three young Clanranalds found their way to the winning post on nine occasions, the speedy Stronghold winning both the Dunedin J.C. and Canterbury J.C. Champagne Stakes, while Cryseis and Tessera ran promisingly, and so also Quarryman, who opened the new season's winning account by pulling off the Wanganui Guineas, and has since added the Wanganui Cup to his credit. During

the whole twenty-one years, Edward Cutts, one of the oldest trainers in the colony, and certainly one of the most successful mentors we have, has trained Sir George Clifford's horses from Chokebore Lodge, opposite the main entrance gates to the Riccarton Racecourse—a lengthy connection of which both owner and trainer may well feel proud.

It is not in the actual racing of horses that Sir George Clifford has done the greatest service to the New Zealand turf, though it is always pleasing to see good sportsmen lending their support and countenance thereto; but to his wise counsels as a delegate and as Chairman of the New Zealand Racing Conference, Chairman for so many years of the Canterbury Jockey Club, judge on appeal cases, for which a legal training has fitted him, and the time he has expended and devotion he has shown in the perfecting of that work of national importance, the New Zealand Stud Book. On pedigree, there is no better-versed authority, as he is also on racing subjects generally. Though New Zealand has been fortunate in having at the head of various racing boards of control gentlemen who have shown conspicuous ability, and whose aim has been to leave racing better, if possible, than they have found it, the improved machinery of the turf to-day, the generally healthy tone which pervades it, and much of its prosperity, is admittedly due to the administrative acumen of the subject of this sketch, and the hearty support accorded him by co-workers.

Lest readers should be led to assume that the Chairman of our Racing Conference is wholly absorbed in sport, it may be well to add that Sir George, in addition to the successful management of large sheep stations and his racing stud, is Chairman of the Canterbury Frozen Meat Company, which owns the three great freezing works at Belfast, Fairfield, and Pareora; Chairman also of the Sheepbreeders' Association, and of the Waipara Road Board, and a Director of the New Zealand Shipping Company.

Sir George Clifford was elected a life member of the Auckland Racing Club in August, 1905.

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## CAPT. SIR WILLIAM RUSSELL, Kt., M.H.R.

New Zealand has no more honoured sportsman amongst the active brigade than Captain Sir William Russell, of "Flaxmere," Hawke's Bay, who, ever since he embarked on racing pursuits, has been recognised as one of the straight goers whose black and buff colours it has always been a pleasure to see unfurled with success on our racecourses. As a turf legislator and turf Parliamentarian, his services have from time to time been of immense benefit to the national sport. Racing machinery could not have been in better hands than when for some years Captain Russell was Chairman of the Racing Conference. The Captain was really the first Chairman, but found it no easy matter attending to the business and at the same time the business of the country as Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives of New Zealand, of which he has been a member for many years, representing a Hawke's Bay constituency.

Captain Sir William Russell has been President and a Steward, and was for some years Chairman of Committee, of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, and President and Patron of other Hawke's Bay clubs for some years. It has fallen to his lot to make more presentations on behalf of racing institutions of racing cups and bracelets than any man in the colony, or, it may be said, colonies, and he has invariably improved the occasions with short and appropriate speeches full of witicisms and pleasantries, of which he has a ready fund. He was one of the first judges on appeal cases that came before the Racing Conference, and has acted from time to time since.

Captain Russell made his first start in racing with a mare of unknown breeding called Topaz at Havelock, Hawke's Bay, but she proved unsuccessful. Later on, in 1881, or thereabouts, he bought Sydney, by Javelin from Mina Mina, and that mare won him his first race at Petane, the Maiden Plate and Petane Cup. Sydney was mated with Vasco di Gama in 1882, and produced Huerfana, who won for the Captain many races. Huerfana is Spanish for Orphan, and got her name owing to her dam having died when she was only a month old. Captain Russell purchased Leonora at Christchurch, by auction, and the daughter of Leolinus and Gossip won many races, amongst others the Auckland Racing Club's Easter Handicap, Taranaki Cup, and Rangitikei Cup. This mare produced to Apremont Aronoel, who won the Auckland Champagne Stakes and other races, and was afterwards drowned in the great Hawke's Bay flood of 1897. With Escopeta, by Musket from Winifred, the Hawke's Bay Guineas was secured, and with that good one Tigredia, by Leolinus from Amohia, purchased in Auckland, the Great Northern Auckland Derby was

won, and a great many other races in Hawke's Bay and Wellington. While running in the Wanganui Cup, and without hitting anything—merely as she was galloping—Tigredia put her hip out. Tigredia produced, among others, Tigress, who won the Wellington and Wellesley Stakes and Wanganui Derby.

The Captain bred Noyade, another good one, by Lord of the Isles from Lorelei. Noyade, when placed third in the Auckland Champagne Stakes, was by many believed to have beaten Eve by quite three lengths. Eve was declared the winner, however, Noyade having escaped the notice of the judge, as she finished right under his box. Noyade also won the Wanganui Derby. Fardingale, by Cadogan from Crinoline, was purchased at Sylvia Park, and won some races at Hastings. Katie Ferguson, by Musket from Dundee's Katie, also purchased at Sylvia Park, was never raced, but produced Pescador, who won small races and made a grand hunter, and the mares Katinka and Krina, by Foul Play, both exceptionally useful and consistent. St. Katherine, by Stoneyhurst, also from Katie Ferguson, won the Wanganui Derby and Wanganui Cup. Cœur de Lion, a very suitably-named one, by Dreadnought from Leonora, won flat races at all distances, often in brilliant style, and was then put over hurdles, but, unfortunately, had to meet the best hurdle horse New Zealand has ever known in Record Reign, and ran second to that great gelding in the Grand National in Christchurch, and other events, but beat, amongst others, in the Auckland Great Northern Hurdles, Moifaa, afterwards winner of the Liverpool Grand National. He bred many others of a useful class, and an out-and-out good gelding in Van Dieman, which he sold to Mr. George Wright, of Ellerslie, who brought out the good qualities of the horse, and won a lot of money with him. Most of the Captain's horses were trained by the late W. Edwards, as good and capable a man as he was a horseman.

The Captain named many of his horses well, but some names were not understandable to the masses. One, for instance, was Ekaterini Passeropoulo, for a daughter of Dreadnought from St. Katherine. The Captain, when interviewed as to how he came to bestow such a name on his filly, explained thus: "She was foaled during the war between Greece and Turkey. A Greek girl emulated the fame of Joan of Arc by going out to fight for Greece. She was badly wounded in the thigh with grapeshot. was carried to hospital, never moaned, but encouraged the soldiers to bear their sufferings. This brave girl's name was Ekaterini Passeropoulo. The St. Katherine connection comes in Ekaterini, and this girl's courage was so dauntless that it may be said she did Dreadnought."

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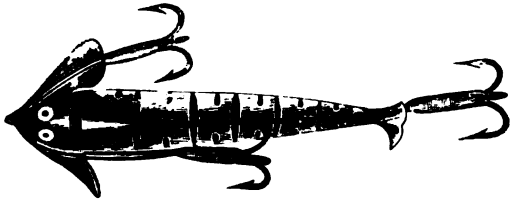

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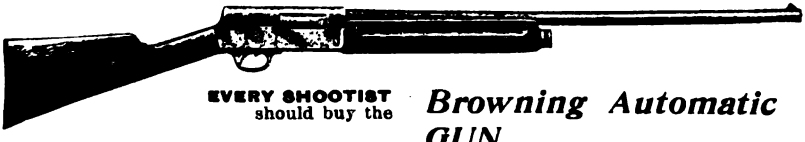

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# HON. J. D. ORMOND.

The Hon. John Davies Ormond, M.L.C., was born in , and is one of the very early settlers of Hawke's Bay. He was one who agitated for the separation of that province from Wellington, and afterwards became Superintendent of Hawke's Bay for some years. In 1861 he became a member of the General Assembly, and sat until 1890, with an interval of three years, and was called to the Upper House in 1891. He was Minister for Public Works in the Fox and Waterhouse Ministries, Secretary of Crown Lands and Minister of Immigration when Major Atkinson assumed the Premiership, and succeeded Sir Frederick Whitaker as Postmaster-General and Commissioner of Telegraphs.

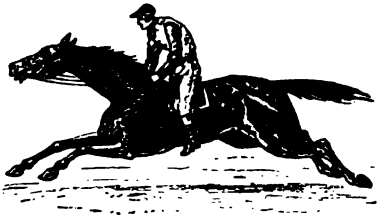
Mr. Ormond has been a supporter of racing for about forty years, first at country meetings in a small way, but has been breeding thoroughbreds on an extensive scale for the past eighteen years, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that during the past fifteen years he has bred on an average more thoroughbreds than any other breeder in the colony. It can also be said that he has had more horses in commission since soon after he started his racing stud at Karamu than any other racing man in New Zealand, and most of them have been horses he has bred himself. Mr. Ormond confined what little racing he did in the early days to Hawke's Bay, but has for about sixteen years been a most liberal supporter of all the leading racing clubs of the colony, north and south, and his all cerise colours are welcomed everywhere, no sportsman ever begrudging the Karamu horses a win.

It was well on in the eighties and into the nineties that the Hon. Mr. Ormond launched out in the purchase of thoroughbreds, and he secured them from the Sylvia Park, Wellington Park, Middle Park, Canterbury, and Victoria and New South Wales studs, and included in their number were some that were imported from England. The services of the Canterbury Derby and Cup winner, Daniel O'Rourke, and that good horse Le Loup, by Traducer, and, later on, Flintlock, by Musket—Agate, were utilised: while the Chester horse Dreadnought was purchased in Australia, and, at a later date, The Officer, by Robinson Crusoe. St. Andrew, by St. Leger from Hippona, purchased by Mr. Ormond as a yearling, and the first to win that gentleman races of note, a brilliant horse, too, was not much used: but the Dreadnought—Idalia horse Sir Lancelot, who was a good one, was given chances, and Renown, also by Dreadnought, and probably the best Mr.

Ormond has bred, and a really first-class horse, is now one of the sires on the estate; Birkenhead, imported three years ago from England, being the sultan most extensively used. For this horse the editor predicts a successful future as a sire. His progeny have size and substance, and good legs and feet. They are good-tempered, and, indeed, remarkably tractable, and impress one as the sort that will be found of good constitution; they should be horses to carry weight, and not be troubled at the length of a journey. Several of the youngsters have shown that they possess the gift of galloping fast, and Mr. Ormond's enterprise bids fair to meet with reward. Birkenhead is by the great Orme, son of that marvellous horse Ormonde, and the Galopin mare Angelica. Birkenhead's dam, Tragedy, was got by Ben Battle, the sire of that sterling performer Bendigo, and runs back on the maternal side to Extempore, who was got by Emilius, the greatest handicap horse in England in his time, and sire of Riddlesworth, who left so many descendants back to which we trace the pedigrees of numerous of our best horses to-day, including that of the champion Advance. At the Hawke's Bay Spring Meeting, 1905, Zimmerman, from the Eridspord mare Solitaire, was the first of the gets of Birkenhead to appear on a racecourse, and he got interfered with in his initial effort; but next week, at the Napier Park meeting, won the Hastings Stakes in good style from Mr. Watt's King Billy, who had shown good form the previous month by winning the Wanganui Guineas and Flying Handicap. Cantor, from the Dreadnought mare Guitar, won a race at each of the meetings named, and raced in an impressive manner.

As may be supposed, a large number of winners have been turned out year after year from the Karamu stables and stud, but Mr. Ormond's successes commenced with horses purchased, and St. Andrew was the first of note. At three years old that colt put down Medallion and Crackshot, amongst others, in the Hawke's Bay Guineas of 1890 in a decisive manner. The Canterbury J.C. Handicap, Dunedin Federal Handicap, Onslow Plate, and Commemoration Plate were amongst other races he won. Queen of Trumps, a rather uncertain filly, won the same season the October Handicap at Napier Park, Wanganui Derby, Grandstand Handicap at Hawke's Bay meeting, and the Autumn Handicap at Wellington; and with Lullaby, Thame, Legacy, and the jumpers Blue Mountain and Otaieri he succeeded in winning races. St. Andrew and Tit, by Apremont from Tell Tale, and a few others, had won for him the previous year, but 1890-91 was his first worth special mention, and over £2,000 represented his winning account, with sixteen races to credit at its close. North Atlantic, Thame, and Free Lance were his chief winners in 1891-2; Queen of Trumps, Free Lance, and Victrix in 1892-3; Hippomenes, Nixie, and North Atlantic in 1893-4; North Atlantic, Spindrift, and Hopeful in 1894-5; Spindrift, Dauntless,

Hopeful, Solitaire, and Defiance in 1895-6; Defiant, Sir Lancelot, Dauntless, Daredevil, Trentalto, and Martyrdom in 1896-7; Daunt, Target, Defiant, and Nansen in 1897-8; Daunt, Sabruer, and Jabber in 1898-99; Jabber, Renown, Roller, Ideal, Defiance, and Paphos in 1899-1900; Renown, Ideal, and Jabber in 1900-1; Ideal was the only winner of over £200 in 1901-2; and Menura in 1902-3; Repulse and Provost Marshal in 1903-4; and Medallist, Sir Tristram, The Stake, Lyrist, Banzai, and Outer of over £150 in 1904-5. During the past fifteen years the Hon. J. D. Ormond has won a little short of £38,000 in stakes, or an average of about £2,500 a year. Renown won over £4,000; Daunt was also a good contributor, and a really good colt; St. Andrew, North Atlantic, Jabber, Sir Lancelot, Ideal, Spindrift, and Hippomenes were all good. Sir Tristram, by Sir Lancelot, of the last season's team, is fast. Birkenhead's progeny, now two years old, look full of promise. The chief performances of the Hon. Mr. Ormond's horses were by St. Andrew in the Hawke's Bay Guineas in 1890: by Ideal, who dead-heated with Fulmen in the New Zealand Cup of 1900, and Hawke's Bay Cup; by Renown in the Canterbury Derby, A.R.C. Royal Stakes, Great Northern Derby, Wellington Cup, Wanganui Guineas, and Hawke's Bay Guineas; by North Atlantic in the Great Autumn Handicap of 1905, and Napier Cup; by Daunt in the Hawke's Bay Stakes, when he beat Gold Medallist a nose, and Wanganui Derby; by Spindrift in the Wanganui Cup and Napier Cup; by Roller in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase; and by Sir Lancelot when he dead-heated with Multiform in the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes.



**HON. GEORGE McLEAN, M.L.C.**
**A Leading Otago Owner and Breeder.**

## HON. GEORGE McLEAN.

One of the leading sportsmen in this colony is the Hon. George McLean, who was born in Elgin, Scotland, on September 10th, 1834, and has been in the Australasian colonies since 1852. He first emigrated to Melbourne, where he was employed in the Oriental Bank Corporation, afterwards becoming manager of the Dunedin branch of the Bank of New Zealand in 1863. In 1869 he was made Provincial Treasurer, and represented Waikouaiti in the House of Representatives for ten years. In the Vogel Ministry he was for a short period Commissioner of Customs, and under Major Atkinson's Government Postmaster-General and Commissioner of Trade and Customs. For some years he was Chairman of the Colonial Bank, and has been a Director and Chairman of the Union Steamship Company for a considerable time.

It was not until the year 1880 that Mr. McLean entered upon his racing career, so that he has been associated with the sport for about a quarter of a century. His first horse was Voltigeur, who was little known to fame. It was in 1881 that he started racing in co-partnership with Sir Hercules Robinson, who was at that time Governor of New Zealand, and they imported from Australia Lady Emma, Legerdemain, and Gitana, the Zetland spots, which had previously been conspicuous on racecourses in New South Wales and Victoria during Sir Hercules' term as Governor of the first-named colony, being soon unfurled in Maoriland. The fact that Sir Hercules Robinson and Mr. McLean had joined forces was a matter for favourable comment at the time in sporting circles, though there were some people who did not like the idea of having a Governor with racing inclinations. The partnership did not last a long time, but racing was conducted on a fairly extensive scale, and a few notable victories were achieved during its continuance. Sir Hercules was always of a hopeful turn of mind, and even after leaving us was content to carry on so long as Mr. McLean would conduct operations. Lady Emma accounted for the Great Autumn and Easter Handicaps in 1881, the Dunedin Cup, J.C. Handicap, and Forbury Handicap in 1882; and Legerdemain added something to the winning account. Mr. McLean went on racing Lady Emma, who won the Forbury Handicap in 1883, the Provincial Handicap, Dunedin Cup, and the D.J.C. Handicap in 1884. His colours have continued in evidence ever since, and have been seen on the leading metropolitan courses of the colony, and at some of the country meetings in Otago and Canterbury. They are deservedly popular.

The Hon. George McLean has also been a studmaster for something like twenty years. The Warrington Stud, founded by Mr. McLean, and of which he is sole proprietor, has, indeed,

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turned out many first-class horses, some being sold, and others raced by their breeder, who has had as his stud horses Gorton, by Thunderbolt from imported Lyra; Rubezahl, by See Saw from imported Fairyland; later on, St. Clair, by Musket from imported Pulchra: and Lord Rosslyn, by St. Clair from Lady Emma. Amongst the brood mares he has bred from were Lady Emma, the prolific Lady Gertrude, Legerdemain, Mountain Lily, Lady Evelyn, Mist, Mistrel, and many more, some of which he still has. Such horses as Euroclydon, Blazer, Blizzard, Vladimir, and Pampero may be mentioned as showing that good horses were bred at Warrington, but there were many more. Lady Evelyn, St. Clair, Dilemma, Pampero, and Maremma are some that carried the popular Zetland spots with credit, and the three first-named won important races, the Middle Park Plate, Forbury Handicap, Great Easter Handicap, Otago Cup, Dunedin J.C. Handicap, and other races being won for their owner, who has still a number of young horses in training.

While on a visit to America, the Hon. George McLean brought about the sale to Mr. J. B. Haggan, of California, of Mr. G. G. Stead's horse Maxim, and imported the trotting sire Del Paso.

In the year 1881 the Hon. George, then Mr., McLean, became a Steward of the Dunedin Jockey Club, was in 1884 elected Vice-President, and in 1885 President, which position he has held ever since. He has represented the Dunedin Jockey Club on nearly all the Racing Conferences since they were inaugurated, and has been a member of the Legislative Council since 1881.

## HON. JAMES CARROLL, M.H.R.

The Hon. James Carroll, "Timi Kara," who has been a member of Parliament for nearly twenty years, and a Minister of the Crown since 1892, as the special representative of the native race, though representing a European constituency for some years, was born in August, 1857, at Te Wairoa, in the Hawke's Bay Province, and is a son of the late Mr. Joseph Carroll and Tapuki, a chieftainess of rank in the Ngatikahunguna tribe. He received his education in a native school at Te Wairoa and a European school at Napier, being two years in the latter institution. When only about fourteen years old he was one of the expedition party who pursued Te Kooti in the time of war, and was specially mentioned in despatches, the Government recognising his services by voting him a bonus of £50 and the New Zealand medal. It was Sir Donald McLean who later on gave him employment in the Native Office, and later he was made interpreter to Judge Rogan, and in 1874 became interpreter to the House of Representatives. He became noted as an eloquent speaker, and held office until 1883, when he may be said to have entered the political arena, for it was then that he contested on

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**Ex-Mayor of Auckland, Politician and Sportsman.**

short notice the Eastern Maori Electorate with Mr. Wi Pere, and lost by 23 votes; but, nothing daunted, he turned the tables on Mr. Wi Pere at the next election by 200 votes, and soon made his mark in the House, his influence over the Maori race and with Europeans alike working for good. Indeed, he has been, and is still, one of the most remarkable men in Parliament. From a very early age he evinced a love for sport, and was one of the finest athletes in the colony, being especially good at vaulting with the pole, putting the stone, and other feats. As a lad he distinguished himself in race-riding, and always had a horse racing at the district meetings in Hawke's Bay and Poverty Bay, chiefly in minor events of local interest. He has rarely been long without a racer since the early seventies, and has owned some in more recent years, and has held an interest in others, that have performed with distinction in leading events, while several he has given away to friends and relatives, notably Mahutonga, the C.J.C. Winter Cup and Auckland Cup winner, have raced with success. Others that may be mentioned are Materoa, Mahaki, and Manawaru. Mr. Carroll has been a purchaser at blood stock sales from time to time on his own account, and on account of others, and his judgment in selection has often resulted well. For many years he has been a member of the various Poverty Bay racing clubs, and President of the Gisborne Racing Club. As most sportsmen know, he relieved Sir Patrick Buckley of the duties connected with the allocation of permits to racing clubs for the use of the totalisator, and while so acting never lost an opportunity of offering sound advice to the heads of the many racing institutions which were catering for public support. In truth, it may be said that Mr. Carroll has been a good friend of racing institutions. He was the special representative of several clubs on Racing Conferences, and brought about reforms while so assisting, and generally has been a conspicuous figure in the world of sport.

## HON. E. MITCHELSON.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson was born in Auckland on April 12th 1846. His parents arrived at the Kaipara in July 1840. He was educated in Auckland. He has always been widely known in connection with the social and commercial life of the city and dictricts, and with the political and, indeed, the sporting life of the colony. Although it is some years since the ownership of racehorses claimed his attention, Mr. Mitchelson has always held prominent positions in connection with the Auckland Racing Club, and has been Committeeman, Steward, Vice-President, and President in turn.

For some years Mr. Mitchelson was one of Auckland's representatives in Parliament, and became Minister of Public Works,

and for a time Acting-Premier. For two years he filled the position of Chief Magistrate of the City of Auckland as Mayor, a position he might longer have retained had he so desired, as he enjoyed the confidence of the citizens, in whose interests he worked assiduously, upholding the high office with dignity and credit, his business-like and administrative ability, together with his social qualities, making him at once as popular a Mayor as the taxpayers have placed at the head of affairs. Mr. Mitchelson has spent many years of his life in developing the kauri gum industry in the Auckland Province, and the timber trade in the North, and is the senior in the well-known merchant firm of E. Mitchelson and Co. He has been connected with many Auckland enterprises that have helped on the advancement of the district.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchelson was one of the original eight shareholders in the first stud company formed in Auckland. This was known as the Glen Orchard Auckland Stud Company, and Kohimarama was the then headquarters of the stud, which afterwards became the New Zealand Stud and Pedigree Stock Company, to which reference will be found on page —. In the early eighties Mr. Mitchelson had a horse called Vampire and one or two others racing, but it was not until a little later on that he engaged in racing on a larger scale. The Musket colt Musk Rose, from Rosette, purchased in Sydney for 350 guineas, together with Musketoon, from Atlantis, for 250 guineas, who died, was raced in his own name. It was about this time that he became the recognised head of a syndicate of three, his co-partners being Messrs. S. Jagger and L. D. Nathan, and they set up a racing stable with headquarters at Kohimarama, purchasing extensively at the thoroughbred sales, and supplementing the number from time to time. Though the operations of the syndicate were carried on in Auckland, one object in view was to race New Zealand-bred horses in our sister colonies, and in this way Auckland received much advertisement as the nursery of the thoroughbred. The little band of New Zealanders did not meet with the successes they deserved, or the luck their friends and sportsmen throughout New Zealand could have wished. It is no secret that a good deal of money was lost in their plucky ventures. Their horses in Australia were trained by the late W. E. Dakin. Whakawai, Tranter, Escutcheon, and Formo, foals of 1884: Leopold, Satyr, Fusee, Garter King, and Bellisima, of 1885; and Fabulous and Corunna, of 1886, were the chief of the purchases. Tranter, Whakawai, and Escutcheon were good-looking horses, and as good as they looked, but they met plenty of stout opposition. They each won, but Escutcheon stood the test of a severe course of training best, and won, amongst other races, the Standish Handicap in Australia, and came back to New Zealand and won the Taranaki Cup and a few other races. Formo was a particularly brilliant filly, and won a number of short races. Leopold won a number of

good races in Auckland and Hawke's Bay, including the Auckland Cup. Garter King had his leg broken. Corunna won each of his four valuable engagements at two years old. Satyr won races after being sold. Fabulous was a good colt in private, but unfortunate. The late Jas. Kean trained for the syndicate in Auckland.

R. J. Mason, L. H. Hewitt, and Grand Rapids, winner N.Z. Cup, 1904.

**Mr. GEO. G. STEAD**
**A Leading Horse Owner and Breeder.**

# MR. GEO. G. STEAD.

There is nothing like a high-class racehorse as an advertising medium for the owner, but when it falls to the lot of one man to own, or have owned, many cracks, his name becomes a household word. Where is there another man in the colonies who has purchased, and imported, and bred, and tried, and raced so many thoroughbred horses with such conspicuous success, and thus become, through them, and a long association with stud and racing institutions and large commercial pursuits, more universally known than the Canterbury sportsman, Mr. George Gatenby Stead, whose portrait appears on the opposite page? There have been many fathers of racing, so called out of compliment, in different parts of the world, but none could have done more for the turf in the colonies than the subject whose biography is now engaging attention, and no builder of turf history has a greater right to be included in a work in which "Men of Mark in the World of Sport" are under discussion than he.

Mr. Stead was born in London in 1841, and comes from an old Yorkshire family on his father's side, his grandfather being Mr. Mark Stead, of Richmond, Yorkshire, and from a Scotch family on his mother's side, his grandmother being a Fraser, a direct descendant of the noted Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, the last man beheaded in the Tower of London in the year 1747, and the maker of one of the shortest maiden speeches on record in the House of Lords, an oration consisting of exactly sixteen words. Mr. Stead, in 1849, accompanied his parents to South Africa, where he completed his education at St. Andrew's College. Late in the fifties, when still a lad, he was successful as a gentleman rider, and also took an active interest in rifle-shooting. In 1865 he returned to England, but, on the recommendation of the late Lord Lyttelton and Mr. Henry Selfe Selfe, from whom he brought letters of introduction, he decided to settle in New Zealand, where he arrived in 1866, in which year he joined the staff of the Union Bank of Australia in Christchurch. Finding insufficient scope for his energy and enterprise in this occupation, in the year 1870 he joined the late Mr. Royse in business, under the title of Royse, Stead & Co., export merchants, which business he controlled, although there were various changes in its personnel, until he decided, in January, 1903, after thirty-four years of strenuous work, to retire and enjoy the *otium cum dignitate.*

Very soon after his arrival in the colony, Mr. Stead identified himself with racing, and in February, 1868, he handicapped for a two days' meeting at Waiau, Canterbury, for the Amuri Racing Club, with such marked success that the stewards presented

him with a gold-mounted riding whip suitably engraved, which was handed to him by the late Mr. R. Caverhill, the then President. About this time, too, at the instigation of the late Hon. W. Reeves and Mr. John Studholme, he frequently wrote on racing subjects, and as well furnished racing reports for the *Lyttelton Times*. In 1872 he became a member of the Canterbury Jockey Club, and almost immediately afterwards was elected Honorary Treasurer, which position he has continuously occupied ever since—surely a long-service record. It was not long before he made his presence felt in the counsels of that body, and a progressive policy was followed which he took a large share in formulating. In 1872 he took a very active part in unearthing what was known as the "Peeress scandal," which resulted in that mare being disqualified for ever, to the great chagrin and loss of the syndicate which owned her.

Coming down to a later period, in the year 1875, during one of his frequent visits to Australia, Mr. Stead purchased the imported mare Conceit, by Pyrrhus the First, but resold her to the late Sir Thomas Elder, of South Australia, for whom she afterwards bred Prince Consort. Mr. Stead, however, brought with him to New Zealand a filly named Equation, by Demonstrator from Conceit, and a brown colt called Tasso, by Fireworks, who was placed in the hands of Mr. W. C. Webb, but turned out of little use. Equation afterwards found her way to Dr. Earle's stud at Wanganui, where some of her descendants are now located. It was in 1875, too, that Mr. Stead purchased a half share in Mr. Henry Redwood's racing stud, to be raced under his management, and to be trained by E. Cutts. The results were more than successful, as before the partnership terminated they won, amongst other races, the Canterbury Jockey Club Handicap (now the New Zealand Cup) and the Canterbury Cup with Guy Fawkes, the Canterbury Jockey Club Handicap and the Dunedin Cup with Mata, the hairy-legged racehorse, as well as the C.J.C. Derby with Songster, the C.J.C. Champagne Stakes with Natator, and the Autumn Handicap with Bribery, who was about as cranky a lady as ever was saddled for that race, and with Longlands, who won in successive years, the second time in Mr. Stead's sole interest, the horses having been sold by auction in April, 1878.

In the meantime, or during the continuance of the partnership with Mr. Redwood, jointly with the Hon. Lancelot Walker, the untried two-year-old Le Loup was purchased for 1,250 guineas by auction, and the new alliance also purchased the chestnut colt Trump Card from Mr. Maples for 700 guineas just prior to his winning the Canterbury Derby. These horses were placed in Mr. W. C. Webb's hands, and with Trump Card the Dunedin Derby and Wellington Derby were also won; and ultimately both Le Loup and Trump Card were sent to Australia, and placed in

the hands of the late Mr. W. E. Dakin, to be trained for the Melbourne Cup and other races. Trump Card broke down, but Le Loup, after running second more than once to the late Hon. Jas. White's great colt Chester in weight-for-age races, as well as running a dead heat for second place in the Newmarket Handicap, ran for the Melbourne Cup of 1879. The stable backed him to win £20,000, but the race was won by his stable companion Darriwell, a result, Mr. Dakin always stoutly maintained, that would never have eventuated but for the saddle slipping on Le Loup, who held Darriwell safe in their work. Yeomans, who was riding the white-faced New Zealander, was compelled to pull up and dismount. However, Le Loup finally gave the Australians a taste of his quality by winning the Victoria Racing Club's Handicap in handsome style, after which meeting both he and Trump Card were brought back to New Zealand, Mr. Walker taking Trump Card and Mr. Stead Le Loup. Trump Card was put to the stud, but in New Zealand Le Loup won, carrying the yellow and black banner, Mr. Stead's *nom de cours* at that time being the family one to which reference has already been made, viz., "Mr. G. Fraser," and ultimately he sold the horse to Mr. Abe Sneider for 1,000 guineas.

The meeting of Le Loup and Mata in the Flying Stakes at Riccarton prior to this sale created the greatest possible interest. Mata was owned by a syndicate—Messrs. R. Ray, R. Vallance and H. Prince—and was ridden by the late W. Clifford, Le Loup by the late T. Clarke, brother to W. Clarke, the well-known horseman. Mata received 3lb. allowance, and had the inside running. Betting was heavy, and it was a rare thing to see two such champions of the same age, horse and gelding, pitted against each other at weight-for-age. Mata had a neck the best of the start, and at no time were the horses apart. Le Loup, however, literally got up inch by inch, and Mata only won by a head in 1min. 14sec. It is questionable whether three more equally-matched horses than Mata, Le Loup and Trump Card were ever foaled in one year.

In November, 1880, Mr. Stead had won with Le Loup the C.J.C. Handicap, Canterbury Cup, and Christchurch Plate, a treble event in those days equivalent to the New Zealand Cup, Derby, and Canterbury Cup. Prior to this, however, Mr Stead ("Mr. Fraser") had with Mata won the Dunedin Cup, and it was generally understood that he and Mr. Redwood would have taken something like £9,000 from the ring had all the pencillers come up to time. Mr. Stead then owned the Russley property, and his horses were trained by the late David Jones, while T. Clarke and W. Clifford did most of his riding.

While still pursuing racing, Mr. Stead was not idle in another direction, and, as a matter of history, had decided upon importing fresh racing material in the shape of some mares and a

stallion from England, and in 1878 he landed the Caterer horse Leolinus, and the brood mares Miss Laura, Petroleuse, L'Orient, and Titania, the five costing 3,000 guineas. Colts out of Petroleuse and Miss Laura were left in England, where Mr. Stead raced them, but without success. The following year he also imported Pulchra, the grand-dam of Multiform, great grand-dam of Cruciform, and the maternal ancestress of no end of winners, dams and sires of winners, and perhaps the best representative of the famous Ellerdale branch of the 18 family, which is now nearly defunct in England, though conspicuously successful in the colonies. At the same time Crinoline was imported, and in 1881 he imported Cadogan, winner of the Woodcote Stakes and runner-up for the 2,000 Guineas. Cadogan was purchased for 6,000 guineas by Lord Douglas Gordon, and, though defeated in the 2,000 Guineas, the honours of the race were claimed for him by the sporting press. Locally, Mr. Stead also made extensive purchases, and was always to the fore at yearling sales, purchasing without regard to cost if only he had a fancy. Lure, Naiad, Louis d'Or, and Carlton were yearlings which cost him over 500 guineas each.

It was in 1881 that he revisited England, and formed the Grain Agency Company, of which he was a co-director with Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. G. T. Ritchie, and the late Messrs. Du Croz, Wigram, and Temple. During that visit he purchased and imported to New Zealand the French-bred and successful stud horse Apremont, the brood mares Nellie Moore, dam of Lochiel, one of the greatest stud successes the colonies have ever seen, and one of the most useful racehorses; Steppe, dam of Russley and other first-class horses and mares, and dam of Stepniak, one of the best racehorses of his day, and one of the best of colonial-bred sires; Florence Macarthy, dam of Tirailleur; Lovebird, dam of Leopold; Fairyland, dam of Rubezahl, Wonderland, all winner producers; Sweet Cicely, Leila, (dam of Whitworth), Lady Ravensworth (dam of Ravenscraig), and Deviation. At the same time as these mares were purchased, Mr. Stead bought a yearling at Doncaster which he called Splendor, and which he left and had raced in England. Splendor ran fourth in the Derby in 1883, and, in addition to winning a few minor handicaps, won the Payne Stakes of £1,200, an important three-year-old standard weight race. Splendor did good service as a sire in Australia, in the Tocal Stud of Mr. Reynolds.

By this time Mr. Stead had got together a very select stud of twenty mares, fifteen of which were imported, his sires being the imported horses Leolinus and Cadogan. At this period he was deeply immersed in a very large business, so much so that he found it impossible to give his breeding stud the attention it required, and consequently he decided to reduce it, with the result that he disposed of the mares privately for 6,000

guineas to the Auckland Stud and Pedigree Stock Company, whilst Leolinus found his way to Mr. Redwood's stud at Spring Creek, Blenheim, and Cadogan to that of Dr. Prins at Russley, Christchurch. Although he parted with his breeding stud, Mr. Stead retained his racing establishment, and, amongst others, the colts Russley, Lochiel, and Ravenscraig, from the imported mares Steppe, Nellie Moore, and Lady Ravensworth respectively, all of which he raced with considerable success.

In 1883 he purchased from Mr. T. Morrin the then two-year-old Trenton, with which colt he won the Canterbury Champagne Stakes in 1884, and ultimately sold him to Mr. Dan O'Brien for 800 guineas. His next successful purchase from the Auckland studs was Maxim, bought at Christmas time in 1885, and who, after a successful racing career and two seasons of stud life in New Zealand, was sold through the Hon. Geo. McLean for 4,000 guineas to Mr. J. B. Haggan, of the Rancho del Paso, Sacramento, California, where, as a sire, he achieved much distinction.

In February, 1887, Mr. Stead, who had raced Lochiel with success in New Zealand, sent that horse to Melbourne in charge of C. Rudings, to run for the Newmarket Handicap, which race he won, ridden by the late W. Clifford, after a close finish with the Hon. Mr. Long's Abner. Mr. Stead took nearly £5,000 out of the ring over this race, but so many friends came for "a bit" on the last day that when he balanced accounts he found that he had retained about a third of the amount for himself. The late Mr. Chapman ("Augur"), of the *Australasian*, did the Lochiel commission.

From 1878 until his death in 1886, the late David Jones trained for Mr. Stead, and in May, 1887, R. J. Mason accepted the vacancy caused by the decease of Jones. To have had but two trainers in twenty-six years is something in the nature of a record, more especially as the first and only break was caused through death.

In 1887, when Lochiel won the Newmarket Handicap, he also won the New Zealand Cup, and this was the year when that horse's victory broke the New Zealand ring, when, curiously enough, his owner did not back the horse. The history of that memorable occasion is often recalled, and how Lochiel brought disaster upon the pencillers, or how they brought it upon themselves, is a sore subject to this day. The facts were these:—Lochiel was a great galloper, but used to strike himself. After he had won the Newmarket Handicap, he started in the Australian Cup and ran unplaced, though he won the race two years later. In that race he struck himself badly, with the result that when he was landed back in New Zealand he could not complete his engagements at the C.J.C. Autumn Meeting. When the weights for the New Zealand Cup came out, and Lochiel was

found to be in at 7st. 12lb., the public rushed him to a man, as they evidently thought that a horse that could win a Newmarket Handicap carrying 8st. could not lose a New Zealand Cup carrying less weight, forgetting or ignoring the difference in distances. Up to this time Mr. Stead himself had not seen any achievement by Lochiel by which he could regard him as other than a good sprinter, and, as a matter of fact, was not enamoured of that horse's Cup chance. The ring had several touts who supplied them with information, and they were duly informed that Lochiel was practically, for racing purposes, broken down, as the injured leg gave the appearance of a sprung tendon, whereas, as a matter of fact, the swelling was due to a blow and not to a strain.

The Southern ringmen, finding that Mr. Stead made no effort to back his horse, and believing from information received from their experts that Lochiel would not survive the necessary preparation, never ceased to "pepper" the horse, while the public, relying upon the Newmarket form, were always ready to back him. The result was that probably a very much larger sum of money was laid against Lochiel than against any horse in any race in New Zealand before or since, though Mr. Stead had not backed him for a penny piece. As can be understood, Mr. Stead realised some time before the race that Lochiel would run well, and by this time the books had taken alarm, hence his letting his horse run quite unbacked, for, as a matter of fact, there was no money to be had. A day or two before the race, to add further to the discomfiture of the pencilers, or at least a considerable section of them, it leaked out that Lochiel had done an excellent trial with Maxim, and that the stable, with three representatives, which included Beresford, had a particularly strong hand. There was a conference of bookmakers, and while some held to the opinion that Mr. Stead would ultimately rely upon Maxim, others feared that Lochiel would be the elect. All sorts of offers were made, with the object of trying to induce him to run Maxim instead of Lochiel, all of which he declined to entertain, as he had expressed his intention of running Maxim fresh for the Derby and Lochiel for the Cup. What made this more aggravating to the layers was the fact that, good trial as Lochiel had shown, it was known to some of them that Maxim was his master, and up to the very last minute there were some people who could scarcely believe that an owner would not run his best horse, and, moreover, could not be influenced by the money market. As all racing men know, Lochiel won, Mr. D. O'Brien's Gipsy King was second, and Mr. Stead's Beresford was third.

This dramatic race was not yet at an end, as Mr. O'Brien, owner of Gipsy King, lodged a protest on the ground that the horses had been started from the wrong post, claimed to be 58 yards 2 feet short of the distance. The excitement was tre-

mendous, and interest was at fever heat until the stewards gave their decision the following day, which decision was that the horses had run the proper course. Needless to say, a section of the ring did all they could to try and get the race declared null and void, and on settling day several members of the ring were not present or represented at Tattersall's. The result must be accounted unique in the annals of racing, in that although Lochiel broke completely some, and seriously crippled the majority of then members of the New Zealand ring, neither Mr. Stead nor any of his immediate friends had any money about the horse, all the betting having been done by the public. Seventeen years have gone by since that memorable day, and Mr. Stead has nominated his horses year after year for the chief handicap. They have always had strong followers from the ranks of the betting public through the winter, and in a number of instances right up to the eve of the battle, but while final gallops found weak spots in the armour of some, and caused the retirement of others, on several occasions bearers of the yellow jacket have been placed in that event. On Saturday, November 5th, 1904, the long spell of bad luck experienced, so far as the New Zealand Cup is concerned, was broken by Grand Rapids, a gelding son of Gipsy Grand and Whirlpool, pulling off the prize. Mr. Stead has rarely been represented by his best horses in that race.

Mr. Stead did not race on quite such an extensive scale prior to R. J. Mason becoming his private trainer, but ever since that period the boxes at Yaldhurst have always been filled by horses bred or purchased; while as fast as they were tried and found to be below the required standard, or as they succumbed to the exigencies of training, they have been sold privately and by auction from time to time, to make room for others. Mr. Stead's policy has been to breed the best, and always to buy those to his liking in any studs offering yearlings for sale, and no man's presence at the ringside has been more courted than his. He has always been a good buyer, and the sums paid for, and for which he has sold his horses, would run into big figures. Russley, Lochiel, Maxim, Sextant, Gipsy King, Beresford, Securus, Chic, Chantilly, Scots Grey, Rose Argent, Lebel, Retina, Sierra, Muskdeer, Enid, Tempest, Moraine, Melinite, Milord, Medallion, Palliser, Ranee Nuna, Geraint, Aldershot, Clanranald, Stepniak, Reynard, New Forest, Ich Dien, Strowan, Reflector, Bluefire, Searchlight, Bloodshot, Romanoff, Musketry, Manlicher, Mauser, Epaulet, Uniform, Bombshell, Bellicent, Motto, Firefly, Gold Medallist, Multiform, Altair, Conqueror, Tolstoi, Screw Gun, Courtier, St. Cyr, Formosan, Sant Ilario, Benzoin, Ismene, Obligado, Cruciform, Field Battery, Royal Artillery, Menschikoff, St. Michael, San Patricia, Field Rose, San Remo, Orloff, King Stork, Helen Faucet, Knight Errant, Machine Gun, Siege Gun, Marian, Ilium, Legend of Honour, Leda, Senior Wrangler,

Strathnairn, Missfire, Nantes, Skobeleff, Delaware, Lady Lyonors, Malakoff, Bagpipes, Imperator, Evelyn Wood, King Log, Silkworm, De la Rey, Golden Lily, Veldt, Rubia, Grand Rapids, Martian, Nightfall, Golden Knight, Munject, Sungod, Savoury, and others in commission at the present time, are some of Mr. Stead's horses that have been through Mason's hands, and few, if any, colonial trainers have ever had so many good ones in a given time, and certainly never of the property of one owner.

Mr. Stead has won nearly all the leading races in the colony, and has some unique records, as a perusal of the pages of the New Zealand Turf Register will show. He has won the C.J.C. Champagne Stakes no fewer than fourteen times, and ten of the wins were in succession—a world's record surely. The Middle Park Plate his horses have won twelve times; the Canterbury J.C. Derby, twelve times; the Canterbury J.C. Welcome Stakes, nine times; the Auckland Great Northern Foal Stakes, nine times; the Auckland Royal Stakes, eight out of nine times; the C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, eight times; the C.J.C. Oaks, eight times; the Canterbury Cup, eight times; the Hawke's Bay Stakes, five times; Dunedin Champagne Stakes, five times; North Island (Wellington) Challenge Stakes, four times; Wellington Stakes, four times; the Hawke's Bay Guineas, four times, which is a poor average considering the number of times he has started horses for that event. He has won the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Northern Derby, Auckland Cup, Wellesley Stakes, Wellington Cup, Dunedin Cup, Eclipse Stakes, and Timaru Cup, each three times; the D.J.C. Birthday Handicap and New Zealand Cup twice, New Zealand St. Leger, thrice; the C.J.C. Handicap, Great Easter Handicap, Otago Cup, D.J.C. Handicap, and Wanganui Cup, each once. Many races, such as the C.J.C. Stewards' Stakes, C.J.C. Maiden, Juvenile Stakes, A.R.C. and Railway Handicaps, have been won a number of times. No owner has anything approaching Mr. Stead's records, and, with the increasing ownership list, no owner, so long as racing exists, may ever again achieve like results. Mr. Stead's has, indeed, been a history in itself, marvellously instructive as showing the judgment, pluck, and enterprise of an owner, and the cleverness, thoroughness, and ability of his trainers, and the selection of riders. Among the latter the names of C. Rudings, W. Clifford, R. Derritt, L. H. Hewitt, and F. Jones may be mentioned as the most successful.

At the C.J.C. Spring Meeting, 1904, Mr. Stead's horses won no fewer than twelve races, and dead-heated in another. The races won included every weight-for-age or standard weight race on the programme, numbering eight. Ten different horses from the stable won during the meeting, an unprecedented record for New Zealand.

In 1875, owing to a family bereavement, Mr. H. P. Lance

resigned, and Mr. Stead was appointed Honorary Handicapper to the Canterbury Jockey Club, to act in that gentleman's place.

In 1876 he registered the yellow and black colours which have become so familiar on New Zealand and Australian racecourses.

The lengthy annual reports of the Canterbury Jockey Club's business have always shown how thoroughly the work of that institution has been conducted.

Mr. Stead has seldom been absent from the annual or committee meetings during his long connection with the C.J.C.

In 1876, on returning from a trip to Australia, he introduced into Canterbury the race-books which replaced the old style of "correct card," and other clubs followed suit.

Between 1877 and 1904 he has started horses for no fewer than twenty-four Derbies at Riccarton, of which he has won twelve, run second in four, third in three, and unplaced in five.

In 1881 Mr. Stead discontinued racing under his *nom de plume* of "Mr. Fraser." Since January, 1898, he has entirely ceased either betting or investing on the totalisator.

In the year 1875, or thereabout, every Jockey Club in New Zealand had their own printed rules, derived or drafted from two sources, viz., the Canterbury Jockey Club's rules, published a few years earlier, and the English Jockey Club's rules, upon which racing rules generally are based. About this time the Auckland Racing Club proposed that one set of rules should be adopted for the whole of New Zealand clubs, and Mr. Stead took the proposal up warmly on behalf of the C.J.C., and never rested until a uniform set of racing rules and the existing weight-for-age scale were in force. He also took a leading part in arranging the Annual Conferences of Racing Clubs of New Zealand.

In March, 1883, Mr. Stead gave a silver cup, valued at 100 guineas, to the Canterbury Jockey Club for the Autumn Handicap, which was won by Welcome Jack. In the year 1898 he gave another 100 guineas silver cup for the New Zealand Cup, which was won by Tirant d'Eau. Next year he gave a silver cup of similar value to the Auckland Racing Club for the Auckland Cup, which was won by Bluejacket; and in 1902 a 100 guineas silver cup to the Canterbury Jockey Club for the Jubilee Cup, won by Achilles. Thus the Canterbury sportsman has given four cups of the value collectively of 400 guineas.

When the Metropolitan Racing Clubs decided upon appointing delegates to attend the first annual Conference in 1886, Mr. Stead was the delegate appointed by the Canterbury Jockey Club, and he has acted on several Conferences at intervals. He is responsible for the principle of Rule No. 7 and its sub-sections, which have been modified by the Conference on several occasions, but in particular for sub-section 2, the basis of which provides that programmes shall be accompanied by properly audited

balance-sheets, insisting that all moneys received from the totalisator shall be spent in prizes.

Mr. Stead has been a voluminous writer in support of the totalisator, and his opinions in that connection have been largely quoted in the Australian papers. It was mainly due to his advocacy that the totalisator was introduced on New Zealand courses, and it is a matter of fact that it was on the Canterbury Jockey Club's course in 1880 that it was first used in this colony. A Mr. Francs exhibited a model pari mutual, and submitted it to Mr. Stead, who at once saw its advantages, and got his club to give it a trial, and it is interesting to note that the net profit from its use in that year to the C.J.C. was £130, while last year it was slightly over £12,000. The starting-gate, likewise, was first used on the Riccarton racecourse in 1894.

In 1897 Mr. Stead purchased Obligado and Benzoin as yearlings in England. The first-mentioned promises well as a sire, and Benzoin raced fairly, and should also do good service. Mr. Stead's most recent English importation was the mare Otterden, by that great stayer Sheen, who ran the Cesarewitch course in record time, from a Springfield mare. Otterden was stinted to Martagon at the time, and has left us that good little horse Martian, and a good colt in Sungod; Stresa, the last-named from a St. Simon mare, is half-sister to Knight Errant, who has won several important races in the United States, and Saucer, are the others. The latter's dam is half-sister to Orme, both being from Angelica, sister to St. Simon.

At his new stud farm, Grasslea, Riccarton, where Martian, Nightfall, Golden Knight, Sungod, and Golden Lily were bred, Mr. Stead has fifteen select mares, and his sires, Multiform and Royal Artillery, are there. These horses are considered by their owner the best he has ever owned. Grasslea is not far from Yaldhurst, where he has his racing stud located, and a private gallop, where his horses are worked. Not far away is his farm at Coringa, once used as a stud farm, but latterly kept for agriculture, breeding lambs, and growing grain. In addition to these properties, he owns McDonald Downs sheep station, in the Waikari district, where his eldest son Wilfred resides.

In dealing with "Men of Mark in the World of Sport," the editor does not limit himself to noticing only the salient points in their racing careers. It was the present Lord Lovat who raised the famous corps of Highland gillies—the only men in South Africa, it was said, who were able to see the Boers before they were seen themselves—and Mr. Stead, who, as stated on an earlier page, comes, on his mother's side, from the same family, coincidentally enough, was the moving spirit in getting away to South Africa the New Zealand Rough Riders in 1900. *Black and White*, the widely-read pictorial paper, on May 26, quoted from a letter of Mr. Stead's, in which, in December of the pre-

vious year, he had advocated raising a troop by private subscription. "In olden days in England," wrote Mr. Stead, "each town raised a regiment. Surely it will not be a great strain upon our loyalty if each province in New Zealand equips a troop of fifty light horse. My proposal would be to provide hardy rough riders." As readers know, the idea caught on, Mr. Stead subscribing £500 towards the Canterbury Fund, the ultimate result being that the leading towns and provinces in New Zealand raised, equipped, and despatched 650 men to South Africa, and the names of many New Zealand sportsmen were associated therewith, while not a few went out on active service.

In addition to holding the position of Chairman and Honorary Treasurer of the C.J.C., Mr. Stead also holds the following appointments:—Chairman of Directors of the Christchurch *Press* Company, Chairman of Directors of Manning & Co., Chairman of Directors of the Christchurch Gas Company, Chairman of Directors of Warners, Ltd., Chairman of Directors of the Blackball Coal Co., Deputy Chairman Alliance Assurance Co., Director of Mason Struthers, Ltd., Director of the New Zealand Shipping Co. He filled the position of President of the Christchurch Chamber of Commerce in 1880, 1885, 1886. He was one of the Governors of the Canterbury College from 1891 to 1899, when he resigned. Mr. Stead initiated in 1872 the movement which resulted in the formation of the Canterbury Club, one of the most successful residential clubs in New Zealand. Was elected to the Tramway Board in 1903. In 1900 the Government appointed him Chairman of the Royal Commission of Canterbury to receive Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. In the maritime strike in August, 1890, Mr. Stead organised a party of free labourers, whom he personally controlled, and with whom he remained in Lyttelton and kept open the Port for some eight days, in the teeth of the opposition of the strikers. In a pamphlet on labour troubles published in London, the writer stated: "The arrangements for keeping the port of Lyttelton open were undertaken by a leading merchant, Mr. Geo. G. Stead, to whom the colony owes a heavy debt of gratitude."

**Mr. T. H. LOWRY**
**A Hawke's Bay Sportsman.**

## MR. T. H. LOWRY.

Mr. T. H. Lowry is one of the prominent of Hawke's Bay horse-owners, and for some years past has been a good all-round supporter of racing in New Zealand. His horses have been seen out in every description of race, on nearly all the leading, and on not a few of the minor, racecourses of the colony. On the flat, over hurdles, between the flags, and in a few classic events, the navy blue jacket, gold sash and cap have been seen more or less conspicuously for about fifteen years. A decidedly useful gelding called Gondolier first brought them with persistent regularity into prominence in the Ladies' Bracelet races in Hawke's Bay. Commencing about the autumn of 1889, and ridden by Mr. R. E. Harley, for a couple of seasons that horse carried nearly all before him in this particular class of race, which has not lost much in popularity in Hawke's Bay since first established. Gondolier, after winning about eight races on end, became the envy of the countryside, and later on won a number of hurdle races and the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, proving a fairly good all-round horse. Later on Mr. Lowry owned the Castor—Vivandiere mare Heavenly Twin, with whom he won a few races. He afterwards purchased the fine-looking St. Leger —Sapphire colt St. Conon, giving the top price of the Wellington Park yearlings in the year 1896. This colt did not survive his New Zealand Cup preparation, but lasted just a sufficient time to give evidence that he would have been a good one had he stood up longer than he did. The trial he did in public at Riccarton over a mile and a-quarter, on the eve of Waiuku's victory, came as a surprise and a revelation to many. There are probably few men whose horses have won so many bracelets as those of Mr. Lowry. Creusot did good service in that way as well as Gondolier. Comfort has raced with varying luck on the flat, over hurdles and fences, and so has Ia, another of the team. Royal Fusilier, another high-priced colt, gave every promise as a youngster of making into a first-class horse, and may yet do so. Madrigal and Rose Madder have each been stake-earners, the first-named having won a good many short races, her achievements including the Hawke's Bay Cup, the first of the older-established handicap flat races that have fallen to Mr. Lowry's share. This, with the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, won by Gondolier, and the Napier Stakes, won by Royal Fusilier, make the leading events Mr. Lowry has yet secured; but last year, when, indeed, his horses had lots of bad luck, he came seventh on the list of winning owners. Hunting meets at Okawa, Hawke's Bay, have been regular for many seasons past, and both Mrs. and Mr. Lowry have proved themselves good friends of sport.

**Mr. E. J. WATT**
**Owner, Breeder, and Sportsman.**

## MR. E. J. WATT.

A young settler who has gone into racing in no half-hearted way since he first decided upon entering the arena is Mr. E. J. Watt, son of the late Mr. James Watt, who will be remembered by old-time race-goers in New Zealand as one of the best patrons the sport had, and whose horses, Parawhenua (old Coffin-head), Toi, Longlands, Ariel, and others, won leading events. Mr. Geo. Cutts trained for Mr. Watt, senr., at Kohimarama, Auckland, where his horses were, and where many have been located since at various times. Mr. Watt has been a liberal purchaser at yearling sales, and has got together a small stud of mares. A few years ago he purchased for sire purposes the Melbourne Cup winner Merriwee, by Bill of Portland from the Trenton mare Etra Weenie. By this sire he has now some two-year-olds racing, and two of them, King Billy and Boomerang—suggestively Australian names—have been winning, and the yearlings and foals by Merriwee give promise of future excellence. Until the season of 1904, Mr. Watt had been racing only horses he purchased, and made a start with St. Mark and Tirade in 1898-9, his total winnings being £72 that year.

In the season of 1899-1900, when fairly started, he was sixth on the list of winning owners, his chief stake-earners being St. Mark, by St. Leger, who won the Wanganui Guineas; Palaver, by Apremont, and The Shannon, by Torpedo. In the following season Nobility, a three-year-old son of St. Leger, purchased at Wellington Park, won for him the Egmont and Wanganui Cups, amongst other events. Palaver won the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap and other races; Indian Queen, dam of King Billy, won the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes and other engagements: and St. Mark also assisted towards placing him fourth on the winning owners' list. In 1901-2, The Shannon, Palaver, Tradewind, Indian Queen, Float, and a few others ran up a nice little score, and Mr Watt's name appeared sixth on the winning list; and with the aid of The Shannon, Float, Tradewind, Starshoot, Good Intent, and others he occupied the same position in 1902-3. Last year, however, he reached nearer the top rung of the ladder, coming third with £3,887 opposite his name. His chief winner was the Hotchkiss colt Starshoot, winner of the Century Stakes. Float, Melodeon, and Roseshoot—the last-named a Century Hurdle Race winner—and Tradewind were each good contributors.

Mr. Watt has thus been racing six seasons, not counting the present, upon which he so successfully entered. No beginner has ever had so good a record for a similar period of years in New Zealand. Furthermore, he has for some few years past

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**A Canterbury Sportsman.**

taken an interest in the management of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's affairs, and has been a successful exhibitor of thoroughbred and other stock at the Agricultural and Pastoral Association shows. Outside racing, Mr. Watt has shown himself to be a sportsman. He has done some hunting in New Zealand and in India, and is one of the youngest owners racing on an extensive scale in the colonies. His racing stud is at Hastings, and his breeding stud at his old home at Longlands, in the same district. Mr. Watt's racing livery, blue jacket, white waistcoat, collar and cuffs, is now well-known.

## MR. CHARLES HOOD WILLIAMS.

Mr. Williams is of a Welsh family, but was born in Edinburgh in 1844, and came out to the colony with his father, Mr. David Theodore Williams, B.A. (Oxon.), in the ship Randolph in 1850. He was educated at Christ's College, Christchurch, being one of the first of five pupils to present themselves at the opening thereof in 1852. It was not until 1859 that he commenced studying sheep farming at Paeroa, Timaru, under his brother-in-law; but in 1861 he entered the Union Bank of Australasia, and after three years' service left on account of ill-health, shortly afterwards entering the Provincial Government service in Christchurch in 1864, under the late Hon. W. Rolleston, then Provincial Secretary, and subsequently held the office of Assistant Secretary for Public Works from 1873 to 1876, when the abolition of the provinces was brought about. In March, 1877, he was appointed Secretary and Treasurer to the Lyttelton Harbour Board, and has held the position for nearly twenty-eight years, and has been a Justice of the Peace for many years.

It would be hard to find a man who has taken a keener interest in racing, athletic, and sporting matters generally. He has been a member of the Committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club for nearly a quarter of a century, and was President of the Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club for some years. During the early sixties, when at Pareora, he had the management of the thoroughbreds of Mr. W. H. Harris' stud, amongst them that greatest of all old New Zealand stud matrons, Spray, the dam of Stormbird and Belle of the Isle. He was present as a boy seven years old at the first race meeting held at Hagley Park, in Canterbury, in 1851, when the late Mr. R. S. Caverhill's Necromancer won the chief event. He was also present at the first meeting held in the Timaru district, at Orari, early in April, 1859, where the Geraldine Racing Club hold their meetings. There he rode three winners out of four mounts. In 1863 his horse Pasha, ridden by Bob Ray, won the Hurdle Race at Timaru. He was present at the Dunedin meeting in 1863, when Mr. Redwood's

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**A Keen Sportsman.**

Ladybird won the £1,000 Champion Race against the Victorian horse Mormon.

In the eighties Mr. Williams owned and raced under the assumed name of "Mr. H. Hammond," and had a few good horses, the best being Rocket, by Anteros, and Sultan, by Apremont; both were good winners, the last-named especially, the Dunedin Cup, St. Andrew's Handicap and C.J.C. Summer Cup being amongst his wins. Mr. Williams sold him to the late Mr. W. R. Wilson, of Broken Hill and racing fame, and retired from ownership. In addition to having served on the Committee of the C.J.C. for twenty-three years continuously, he has represented West Coast country clubs at the N.Z. Racing Conference for a number of years on various occasions, and has also acted as a delegate for the C.J.C. He has made the rules a study, and is well versed in racing law, and is frequently consulted by country clubs on such matters. When racing, the papers styled Mr. Williams the "straight-going 'Mr. Hammond,'" a title not misapplied.

## MR. JOHN KIRKWOOD.

There are few gentlemen who have been longer associated with our sporting institutions in an honorary capacity than Mr. John Kirkwood, who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1838, and came to Auckland, New Zealand, in December, 1861. Mr. Kirkwood was never at any time largely interested, directly or indirectly, in the racing of horses, though in the sixties he purchased a mare called Tui from the late Mr. James Watt, father of Mr. E. J. Watt, the well-known Hawke's Bay owner, who had Kohimarama at the time. This mare, Sultan, and one or two others, Mr. Kirkwood raced in conjunction with his brother, the late Mr. Robert Kirkwood, and they were trained by the brothers R. and J. Thorpe, of Ellerslie. Mr. Kirkwood was honorary handicapper to the Hamley Gun Club from 1875 to 1885, and president of it in 1882; was elected a steward of the Auckland Racing Club in 1879, and was also a committeeman for many years, and was the first chairman of Auckland Tattersall's Club, with which institution he was associated for a considerable time. Was honorary handicapper, in conjunction with another, from April, 1881, to June, 1885, and that club showed their appreciation of his services by presenting him with a beautiful gold watch. Was honorary judge to the A.R.C. from 1889 to 1893, and on resigning was made a life member. Mr. Kirkwood is one of the oldest living members of the Auckland Bowling Club, of which he is also a life member, and was president in 1887. A trying illness took him away from the racecourse side and from city life for a considerable time, but he always refers to Dr. Stuart Reid, an

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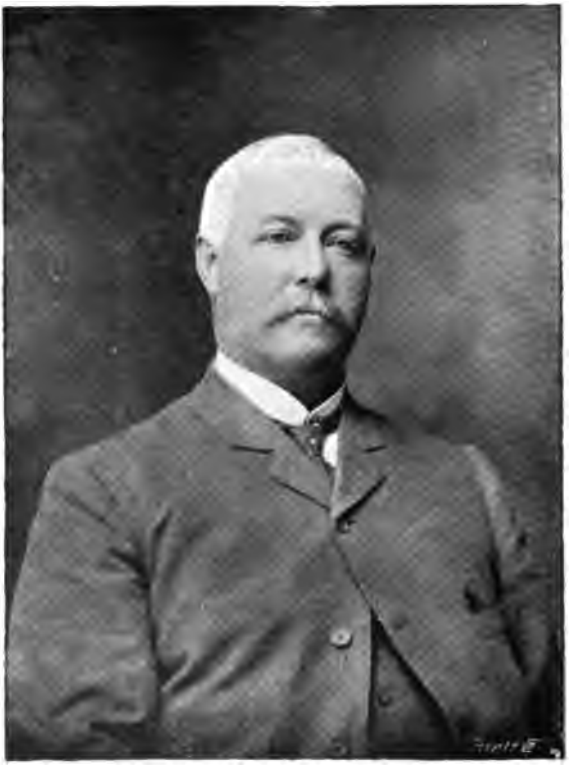
erstwhile steward of the A.R.C., as his trainer, and says he owes it to the treatment he received at that medico's hands that he pulled through. Mr. Kirkwood enjoys a crack about old-time racing, of which he has a good memory, but he has also kept records, and both are valuable possessions when ancient racing history becomes the theme. His interest in racing is as keen as ever, and long may he live to enjoy it.

## MR. GEORGE HUNTER.

Almost as long as there has been racing in this colony, the name of Hunter has been associated with it, but, unfortunately, there are all too few records kept of early-day racing for the gleaners of such information to say just how many racehorses some of the pioneers of racing owned. One thing is certain, there is documentary evidence of the fact that Mr. George Hunter, grandfather of the Hawke's Bay sportsmen, Messrs. George and Paul Hunter, owned a bay mare called Temperance, which competed in a ten-guinea sweepstake, mile and a-half heats, for gentlemen riders at the Petone races held on October 20, 1842, which is believed to have been the first race meeting held in Wellington. That race was won by Mr. Watts' ch h Figaro, Mr. Molesworth's blk h Calmuc Tartar, both ridden by their owners, coming in first and second respectively in each of the two heats. Mr. Virtue's gr g Marksman was placed third in the first heat, Mr. Bannister's ch m Sulky, ridden by Mr. Wade, who had run fifth in that heat, securing third place in the second one, while Temperance, ridden by Dr. Dorset, was fourth in each. Captain Buckley's br h Daylight, ridden by his owner, was sixth in the first heat, but, like Mr. Revan's gr h Mazeppa, ridden by Mr. Tyser, was distanced in the second. On the same day, Mr. Revan's blk g Dandy, ridden by Dr. Dorset, won a sweepstake got up on the ground, Colonel Wakefield's ch g Beau, ridden by Mr. Watt, being second, and Mr. Geo. Hunter's br g Wai-ake-ake, ridden by his owner, third, Mr. Allen and Mr. Virtue supplying the other starters.

Racing in Wellington, to which more lengthy reference is made in these pages in the biographies of other sportsmen, found a good supporter in Mr. Hunter, senr., who was the first Mayor of Wellington, and a member of the firm of Bethune & Hunter, whom we find at a later period advertising in the *Wellington Spectator and Cook's Straits Guardian*, in September, 1851, that in consequence of a great race meeting in Wanganui having attracted so many intending purchasers, an important land sale would be postponed to allow of their presence. Racing, it is quite evident, was a matter of moment even at that distant time.



**Mr. PAUL HUNTER**
**An All-round Enthusiast.**

Mr. George Hunter, father of the subject of this sketch, who was then a young man, took an interest in racing, and was for many years President of the Wellington Racing Club, and owned a few horses, which he raced in Hawke's Bay in the early sixties.

Mr. George Hunter, whose photo. appears on page 52, was born in Wellington, and has been a member of the Wellington Racing Club for twenty years, a member of the Committee of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for nineteen years, two years Vice-President and Chairman, and with Dr. Earle and Mr. R. H. Nolan sat as one of the three judges for the Racing Conference, the first appointed under Rule 168. He has been breeding thoroughbreds in conjunction with his brother, Mr. Paul Hunter, at Porangahau for a good many years, and been a good supporter of racing, chiefly in Hawke's Bay, Wellington, and Wanganui, though periodical visits have been made to Canterbury, and as far north as Auckland, and as far south as Dunedin. With Cynisca, first raced conjointly with Sir George, then Mr. G. H. Clifford, by whom she was purchased from her breeder, Mr. E. Cutts, Mr. Hunter won the Wellington Cup three years in succession, also the Hawke's Bay Cup with the same mare, and five years later with Searchlight, purchased from Mr. Stead; also won the Egmont Cup with Whisper, Napier Cup with Sirius, and many other races with those useful mares Cynisca and Whisper, and horses bred on the station; indeed, he has had his colours unfurled year after year for many years past with varying success.

## MR. PAUL HUNTER.

Mr. Paul Hunter is a brother to Mr. George Hunter, and is a regular patron of racing, and has had a few horses running in his own colours. He was born in Wellington in July, 1860, and his first experience of racing was when Lurline won the Canterbury Cup, and Flying Jib and Maid of the Mist were first raced at the Hutt in the early seventies, since which time he has attended most race meetings of note in different parts of the colony, and rendered valuable assistance to Hawke's Bay country clubs. For about twenty years he has been honorary starter for the Porangahau and Waipawa Racing Clubs, Treasurer for the Waipukurau Jockey Club, Starter for the Porangahau and Wallingford Sports Clubs, President of the Waipukurau Gun Club and Waipawa Rugby Union, President of the Hawke's Bay Kennel and Poultry Club, breeder of English setters, and a successful exhibitor at shows all over New Zealand, and has acted as Honorary Judge of all breeds of our canine friends for a considerable time.

**Mr. JOHN COTTER**
**Horseman, Breeder, Owner.**

## MR. JOHN COTTER.

Mr. John Cotter, who was born in Wellington on the 7th February, 1852, is one of the best-known settlers within the old provincial boundaries of Wellington, and one who has played a prominent part in the world of sport as an athlete, horseman, racing official, and owner. As a pedestrian he was a champion in his day over long distances, and won many mile events, and with the vaulting pole he had no superior, certainly none his inches, to equal him in the North Island. When nineteen years of age he rode and won his first race in public, the Maiden Plate at Greytown, on Ravensfeather, and at the opening meeting on the Tauherinikau racecourse, in 1874, had the mount on Mr. Greathead's Little Wonder, and won with that remarkable horse the Wairarapa Stakes, then a three mile weight-for-age event. In the following year he again won that race on the same horse, and also the Jockey Club Plate and District Race. On his own horses, Bonny and Koromiko, he won three cavalry races over a distance of about ten miles. Riding the Dromedary, he won the Ladies' Bracelet at the Wairarapa Hunt Club's Meeting, and amongst other winners the well-remembered horses Bluejacket and Dan O'Connell.

In late years Mr. Cotter has been racing a few horses, and his black jacket, yellow sleeves and red cap are popularly known, Great Scott, St. Alba, Merry Maiden, Jolly Roger, Jolly Friar, and Hurimoana being some of his representatives. The hurdle horse Derry was one of a number he bred and sold.

Mr. Cotter has largely identified himself with agricultural and pastoral interests, and has filled leading positions on various associations in the Manawatu and Wairarapa districts, and has been a successful exhibitor and judge. He is a life member of several racing clubs, and filled the presidential chair of the Manawatu Racing and Ashurst Racing Clubs for some years while resident near the Manawatu Gorge.

**Mr. J. C. N. GRIGG**
**A Lover and Breeder of Good Horses.**

## MR. J. C. N. GRIGG.

A man who is fond of good horses, whether thoroughbred, draught, or of the trotting breed, or of any breed whatever, for the matter of that, so long as they are good, is Mr. J. C. N. Grigg, of Longbeach, Canterbury, in which respect it may be said he takes after his father, who bred no end of high-class ones, chiefly of the utility class, on that far-famed estate. Mr. Grigg, the subject of this notice, was born at Otahuhu, Auckland, in 1861, and was educated at Christ's College Grammar School, Christchurch, and Jesus' College, Cambridge.

In 1879, at school, he won the Challenge Cup for the most points in athletics, and in 1884 won the open 100 yards race in 10 and 2-5th seconds. He represented Canterbury in Rugby football in 1879 and 1884, since which time he has taken an active interest in hunting and racing, and been member and steward, and held various positions on district racing clubs, and is now, and has been for some time, President of the Ashburton County Racing Club.

Mr. Grigg has always shown a decided fondness for the racing of hunters, and the Hunt Club events in Canterbury have found in him one of their best supporters for a considerable time. He has owned some capital horses, amongst the number being that excellent performer Gillie, who, with very little more luck, would have landed more than one New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase. Matariki, Kuku, Zither, Skipper, Vagabond, and Rawai were all first-class hunter chasers, judged under the test of racing in the best hunter company, for they all proved themselves in the field and on the racecourse.

With his hunting and trotting stock, and some rare ones he owned in both lines, Mr. Grigg met with much success at various A. and P. Association shows, and many of the Longbeach-bred trotters have distinguished themselves in New Zealand and Australia from time to time.

The flat horses that Mr. Grigg has raced have been Aqualate, Kate Greenaway, Conqueror, and Calibre, the two last-named of which he has also used for stud purposes. Calibre, through falling into Mr. Grigg's hands, got a much-needed spell, and until he again went sore proved himself a better horse than he had been given credit for.

Mr. Grigg is generally regarded as an excellent judge of horses, and his services are very frequently obtained for shows in different parts of the colony.

**Mr. JAMES PAUL**
**A Long-time Racing Official.**

## MR. JAMES PAUL.

Mr. Jas. Paul, of New Plymouth, long-time Secretary of the Taranaki Jockey Club, was born in Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland, on New Year's Day, 1842, and came out to New Zealand over twenty years later, arriving in Dunedin in October, 1862, and in August, 1863, went to New Plymouth, and has resided there ever since.

It was some time in the year 1868 that Mr. Paul first had any active connection with racing affairs, and he has had thirty-six years of membership, and has filled almost every official position on the Taranaki Jockey Club, of which he was Secretary and Treasurer for twenty-six years at a stretch, Judge, Starter, Handicapper, Steward, Committeeman, President, and Vice-President in turn, an out-and-out good worker for his club, and all the time one of a band who stuck to the club and pulled it through severe trials, to which many similar institutions were subjected.

In the old days Mr. Paul raced a few horses by way of encouraging others, and occasionally assisted friends in racing. One of the first was Titanium, and then there were Bedouin, Chanticleer, and Garry Owen, and about the last of them Rikorangi.

It must be twenty years since Mr. Paul retired from ownership. At the close of the present year it is his intention to withdraw from active service altogether. Mr. Paul has filled civic positions in New Plymouth with credit, and has always identified himself with progressive legislation and work for the town and district. The Egmont Brewery and Aerated Water Factory is his business.

**Mr. DONALD McKINNON**
**"The Genial Scot."**

## MR. DONALD McKINNON.

This old-time sportsman arrived in Canterbury, New Zealand, in 1864. There he had been about six weeks when he purchased a thoroughbred mare and foal, and has never been without racing stock since. The name of the mare was Evently, by Bay Camden. Her foal, a filly, was named Fast Asleep. Evently, to Traducer, produced Gilderoy, and also those useful horses Strathern, Brown Rose, and Sir Walter. With Fast Asleep, Mr. McKinnon won some races, and at South Canterbury rode her and beat one of the McKay Bros. He also rode at several meetings in Otago soon after his arrival, the Waimate and country meetings, particularly the Waimate Steeplechase Meetings, being very popular. It was about the year 1879 that Mr. McKinnon left the South Island and took up land with his brother Angus in the Waikato. The brothers brought with them some of their mares, which, with purchases made locally in Auckland and elsewhere, swelled into quite a small stud, representatives from which Mr. McKinnon has raced year after year during the time he has been in the North. He has often had the gratification of seeing them win, too.

Perhaps the best he has bred was the Sterlingworth gelding Scot Free, a brilliant two-year-old, who literally galloped over the opposition in the autumn of his first season. His dam was known as the Dainty Ariel mare, and was purchased from Mr. A. Muir. Her dam, in turn, was from Zenobia, a mare imported from Home by the officers. Scot Free had a hip knocked down at two years old, and was given a long spell, but came out afterwards and raced like a good one, winning at Hawke's Bay, Wellington, and on Auckland courses. Gilderoy was the first to carry Mr. McKinnon's colours successfully in Auckland, and won the Takapuna Cup and other races, and beat a horse named Harold in a match for £100 at Hamilton, afterwards proving a useful sire. Pikau and Dreamland, the Hawke's Bay Cup winner, were mares that he bought; also Lochness, a very useful horse. Most of the progeny of the mares named were also raced by Mr. McKinnon, Haria, Picklock, Landlock, Ona, Hesper, Lochfire, and Silica being of the number. They were nearly all home-trained, Wally Wilmot having acted as mentor for most of Mr. McKinnon's horses.

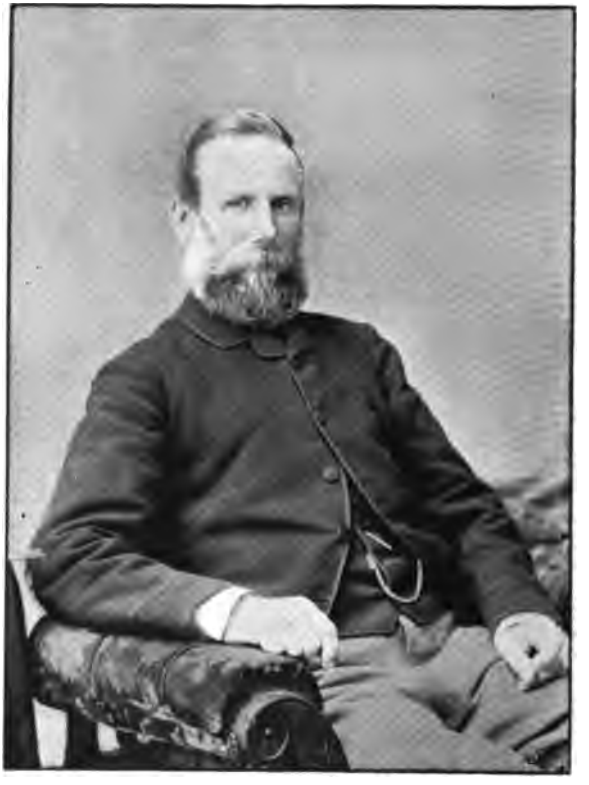
A little incident will serve to illustrate what manner of man "the genial Scot," by which name Mr. McKinnon's friends delight to call him, is. After a race meeting at Takapuna, Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Dan McLeod got into a heated argument as to the respective merits of their colts, Scotty and Gatelock. The

**MAJOR PITT.**

argument ended in a match being made for £1,000 a-side to settle the difference of opinion, the money to be staked the next day by two o'clock. Mr. McLeod also made a side bet of £20 with Mr. McKinnon that he would not come up to time. He was counting without his host. Donald was never more deeply in earnest about anything in his life, and, it is said, was waiting impatiently on the doorstep of his bank in Queen Street next morning to get his money. Mr. McLeod candidly admitted that he never dreamed that Mr. McKinnon meant business, and that he had to do a bit of hurried collecting in order to keep up his end of the stick. Both were there to time, but before the hour for the decision of the contest had arrived, friends used their influence with these determined Scotchmen, and succeeded in getting the match off.

## MAJOR PITT.

Major Dean Pitt, who was born on October 26, 1844, at Clifton, near Bristol, England, came out to the colonies as a lad, and took a position on the estate of the late Mr. William Pearson, who was afterwards owner of Commotion and other good horses, at Kilmorey Park, Gippsland, Victoria, in the year 1860, and there spent three years of station life, during which time some very good horses were kept and raced at the local meetings, so that opportunities were not wanted for gratifying early tastes. In 1863, just before the Waikato war, Mr. Pitt arrived in Auckland, and soon afterwards received a commission and entered upon the life of a soldier, serving in New Zealand until 1874, and from 1868 to that year generally had something running at country meetings in different parts of the North Island, the best, perhaps, being The Marquis, who was a good little horse, and won afterwards for Mr. Maney, to whom the Major sold him, the Hawke's Bay Cup of 1875, carrying the tidy impost of 9st. 8lb., ridden by E. Kelly. For many years Major Pitt was President of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, and since settling permanently in Auckland has acted for a greater part of the time as a steward of the Auckland Racing Club. During a visit to England in 1888, which extended over twelve months, the Major visited every meeting that he possibly could attend, and thus had chances of seeing how racing was conducted in the Old Land; and as he has made frequent visits to Randwick, Sydney, and, amongst other Australian meetings, attended the Victoria Racing Club's spring meeting when Bravo beat Carbine in 1889, in the Melbourne Cup, and has seldom missed important meetings in North New Zealand, it can be gathered that he is an enthusiastic follower of the sport. Indeed, no figure is better known on Northern racecourses than the soldierly one of Major Pitt. The



**Mr. ARTHUR STANDISH**
**A Taranaki Owner and Breeder.**

Major has represented the Auckland Racing Club at some of the annual Racing Conferences, and his judgment in racing affairs generally is accepted as good.

The Major was all through the Waikato war, and had some curious experiences on board the old-time steamboat Sturt, which was used as a transport for soldiers in those days, and was taken into nearly all the most inconceivable places on the East and West Coasts of the North Island by her plucky Captain, Fairchild, who declared he only wanted a few inches of water on any bar, as he could glide over the mudbanks in any of the rivers when once inside with his Government warship, whose very appearance, it was said, used to inspire the natives with awe. The officers in the early days did much to keep racing going, and Major Dean Pitt did his share in that direction.

## MR. ARTHUR STANDISH.

There are not many sportsmen about who have borne the heat and burden of the day like some of the subjects whose portraits are contained in these pages, such as the gentleman whose photo. appears opposite, and who is well-known in Taranaki as a breeder of racing stock. The work of colonisation was not easy for the early settlers of Taranaki, but they were stout-hearted, and they would not be denied the pleasure of witnessing sport when they had the means of gratifying their tastes, and so when the material came to hand in the shape of horses the good old Anglo-Saxon pastime was followed in Taranaki almost as soon as in any other part of the colony.

It was early in the fifties that Mr. Arthur Standish took an active part in turf pursuits, and he appeared at an early age as an amateur rider in flat races, and once rode a mare celebrated in racecourse story belonging to Captain Marsh over fences. Her name was Alice, and she was a determined baulker, but Mr. Standish got her round and established a name at once, and received a high compliment from the assemblage for the way he had managed her. Some time later, the races being run in heats of a mile and a-half, a favourite distance in the early days, Mr. Standish rode a plucky mare called Nora, imported from New South Wales. In the first heat Nora was beaten half a length, in the second one she dead-heated with a mare owned by Mr. Ambridge, and won the third comfortably, thus making the honours easy. There was yet the decider, and this Nora also won easily, thus having raced six miles to win.

Recollection of this game piece of horseflesh caused Mr. Standish some years later to purchase a foal from Nora by Nutwith, and he had the satisfaction of winning races with her and riding himself. Her name was Nora, called after her dam.

**Mr. ROBERT DUDER**
**Chairman of Auckland Tattersall's Club.**

Mina, by Nutwith from Lunelle, another imported mare, also won a number of races in Taranaki and up Auckland way. This was the dam of those good grey horses Larry, Okato, and Witiora, the first-named pair raced by Mr. J. B. Williamson, and Witiora by Mr. J. George. Normanby, by Day Dawn from Duchess, a Traducer mare, was one of the best of his size in the colony, and won lots of races, and ran second for both the Wellington and Auckland Cups. This horse Mr. Standish raced part of the time himself, and also leased him. Amongst other horses he bred and raced were Donovan, Maratau, Wai-iti, Waireka, Jenny, the crack steeplechaser, Eileen, Onutae, and Tukapa.

Mr. Standish was President of the Taranaki Jockey Club for a great number of years, and is still a steward of that club, but has not been taking such an active part in recent years in racing matters as formerly, when he and a few others, like the Humphries Bros., Captain Mace, Messrs. J. Paul, Cottier, and the Elliotts, were amongst the mainstays of the club.

## Messrs. R. and R. DUDER.

The popular Auckland sportsmen, Messrs. Robert and Richard Duder, are twin brothers, and were born in the year 1851 at the pretty marine suburb of Devonport. There they first went to school together, finishing their education at the Auckland Grammar School, after which Robert went farming with his elder brother William at Wairoa South, and Richard took service with Mr. J. B. Russell, solicitor. Robert continued on the farm for a few years, and Richard, after some years as a law clerk, went to reside at Fiji. Both brothers were good athletes, and Robert, after leaving school, was the crack amateur runner in the district. He was, indeed, the first to have his name inscribed on the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club's banner as the best amateur pedestrian, having won four events in one afternoon. There was a prize for each particular contest, and on Robert going up for the fourth time, Lady Whitaker, who was making the presentations at the Choral Hall, said, addressing the young flyer, "Am I to see you any more?" A little later on a special prize, a silver lapel, had to be presented for the best amateur runner in Auckland, and the judges made the award in Robert Duder's favour, and up he went for the fifth time that evening. He still retains his prize. Running was no trouble to Robert Duder, and he met in his time the professional champions Hewitt, Bird, and Harris, and on one occasion was on scratch in a 300 yards contest with Mr. A. Drake, also a fast man, with a large field on different marks ahead of them. Drake remarked just before the start, "We shall never get through!" Robert Duder did not

**Mr. RICHARD DUDER**
**An Auckland Sportsman.**

despair, and some of those in front got into collision, and he succeeded in winning. He could run any distance, and keep going all day. As proof of this, it is recorded that five sheep, half wild, had eluded muster, and young Robert undertook to secure them single-handed, no dog being available. It took him two hours to run the sheep down, but he caught them one by one, and tied them as he caught them on the run, which was a rough, hilly one at Maraetai. It took longer for the musterers to go out and bring the sheep in after they were caught than the catching did, as they had scattered in all directions. Mr. Duder, senr., after the Waikato war, purchased some 300 sheep remaining on Tiri, the property of the Government. It was no end of trouble mustering these, and it is a matter of history that Robert Duder ran quite half that flock down. Robert always declares that Richard was equally as good a runner as himself, though they did not meet. Richard was at Fiji when pedestrianism was booming and deeply engaging the attention of young Auckland in particular, and all Auckland in general. When Richard returned, however, he won many races also.

While still in their teens, Robert and Richard entered into a general store business at Devonport. From the very outset also they embarked in racing, and there are no owners in Auckland who have been longer following up the sport in an active way. They have had something racing every year for over thirty years. A black gelding called Dick, bought from Mr. Kelly, of Tauranga, was a good one over hurdles and on the flat, and he was the one they started with. Later on Richard, who was on a visit to Tauranga, purchased a fine-looking mare, one of a Maori mob from off the Tauranga plains. Mr. Ned Burgess and another friend also made purchases, and they rode home through the Hot Lakes districts together, camping out. Kate, whose breeding was never actually known, was the mare Richard Duder secured for her blood-like qualities, and she proved not only a successful race mare herself, but bred no end of good horses, including King, by Kingfisher, Nigger, by Mangle, Marquis, by Tregeagle, Rosie, by Anteros, Bombardier, by Brigadier, and Belle, by Musket, every one good horses and winners, and all jumpers as well as flat racers. Belle was given away to Mr. McNichol, of the Waikato. Mr. McMiken's Le Beau, by Leolantis, who has raced successfully this season, is a son of Belle's; and Lady Belle, who won a good many races, and Belvedere, who, like that mare, died, were also from Belle. Belle has an eventful history. She was taken to Melbourne, and raced there, but got her leg poisoned; she had to be turned out, and was stolen. After three months' absence, she was found by the police 150 miles from Melbourne in a pound, and had evidently been running in harness, as she was collar-marked and had harness chafings. The

Great Northern Steeplechase and a good many other races went to the credit of Belle while racing in New Zealand. Dolosa, who was purchased as a yearling, was taken to Sydney, and won four country cups there, after winning in New Zealand. Sirloin, Manaia, Worm, and other horses were raced before some of those already mentioned, and the ponies Dick and Gillie, the last-named an uncommonly good one, were two that were raced in Australia.

Anna, a member of the famous Rupee family, bred Anita, the Auckland Cup winner, Annabelle, Lady Anna, Miss Anna, Akarana, and Devonport for the brothers; and Hune, whom they purchased and raced, bred Drum Major, and Black and Gold; while Miss Stead left Halberdier, the New Zealand Cup winner, perhaps the best horse they ever bred. He was by that great horse Cuirassier, whom they purchased for 1,500 guineas as a yearling, and gave in addition the half of Brigadier, from Mr. Morrin. Cuirassier won several races, including the Great Northern Derby, and was sent to Australia for the Melbourne Cup, for which event they supported him to win £38,000 before he left New Zealand, and £10,000 more after he arrived in Victoria. An affliction overtook the late Jas. Kean, Cuirassier's trainer, and as a consequence that horse, who was described as the greatest Roman of them all as the Cup field walked down the long straight at Flemington to do battle, went to the post not nearly fit, big and above himself, as a matter of fact, and was beaten at the end of a mile and three furlongs, to which point he ran prominently. In the end Cuirassier left some fine horses, but neither he nor his stock got the best of chances. A singular accident befel him when about to be shipped at Wellington for Christchurch, to run in the C.J.C. Derby. By some means he fell between the ship and the wharf, and was caught in the netting, but his injuries, though not serious, probably cost him the Derby.

Brigadier, who was an earlier purchase than Cuirassier, was very highly tried indeed at two years old, and ran a five-furlong trial in 1min. 1sec., and as a young three-year-old ran six furlongs in 1min. 13sec., and a mile in 1min. 38sec. in private. He was backed to win the C.J.C. Derby, New Zealand Cup, and Canterbury Cup straight out, in doubles, and for the treble for £12,000 —in fact, for every shilling obtainable, and broke down before running for the Hawke's Bay Guineas. Brigadier was purchased for 800 guineas from Mr. Morrin as a yearling, and, good horse as Cuirassier was, the Messrs. Duder consider that Brigadier was his superior; indeed, they believe he was the best ever raced in Auckland. On the day he was left standing at the post in his first two-year-old engagement, they backed him heavily, but they

got all their money back with interest when later on in the same season he won them a treble.

Up till a few years ago, the Messrs. Duder owned a fairly large stud, but sold out on account of land becoming too valuable at North Shore for breeding racing stock upon; but they are as keen on sport as ever, and have a few of the descendants of their old mares still in work, Black and Gold, Akarana, Devonport, and Miss Cuirassier being of the number. Mr. Richard Duder has been a member of the committee of the Auckland Racing Club for about fifteen years continuously. Mr. Robert Duder has been a steward of the Takapuna and Avondale Jockey Clubs since they were started, and a member of the Auckland Racing Club for a longer period, and President of the North Shore Football Club for many years; also a member of the first Takapuna Licensing Committee, and, from its inception, of the Takapuna Road Board, and of the Borough Council for about fifteen years, and for a considerable time Chairman of Auckland Tattersall's. The brothers are good sportsmen and extremely popular. For some years they raced under the *nom de cours* of "Mr. R. Burke."

**Dr. R. C. EARLE**
**President of the Wanganui Jockey Club.**

## DR. R. C. EARLE.

In New Zealand, as in other parts of the world, members of the medical profession are to be found taking a pride, more or less pronounced, in horses. This is not to be wondered at, seeing that the utility horse plays such a prominent part in the daily avocations of so many; indeed, they try to outdo each other in securing the best-looking and most attractive of the equine race for their work. Nor are some members of the profession any less keen in their love for the sport of horse-racing, and there is probably no part of the world where their patronage is more fully and freely bestowed than in this colony. We find their names in the membership rolls of almost every club; we find them acting as committeemen and stewards, often, too, owning private breeding and racing studs, and having their colours unfurled everywhere. We see them acting as administrators on our racing boards, and in many ways assisting our racing institutions. Wanganui, one of the oldest racing centres in the colony, has perhaps had more medical men following the popular Anglo-Saxon pastime in its various branches than any other. The names of Drs. Gibson, Curl, Mussen, Connolly, Cleghorn, and Saunders live to-day in racecourse story. Dr. Mussen was, as a matter of fact, the biggest breeder of thoroughbreds and the biggest racing man in the Wanganui district, such great horses as Fishhook and Advance tracing back to that gentleman's stud. There are others who have also crossed the great divide whose names could be mentioned, but it is with men of to-day that the editor is most concerned, and only passing reference can be made herein to stud-masters and racing medicos such as those mentioned, and the late Dr. Prins ("Mr. Horsford"), of Christchurch, who at one time had the largest stud of all our medical men, and was a prominent man in the executive of the Canterbury Jockey Club. Dr. Earle, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is one of the oldest members of the Wanganui Jockey Club, and worked shoulder to shoulder with the late Mr. Freeman R. Jackson, amongst the best all-round secretaries the racing world of New Zealand has known, and helped to bring the W.J.C. into its present prominent position. He bred a few winners, raced with less success than he deserved, and always set a high standard. The Doctor has filled several offices on the club, and enjoys the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact. At one time Dr. Earle used to ride to hounds, and the famous Wairarapa jumper Eclipse carried him in many an enjoyable run. Dr. Earle is, and has been, President of the Wanganui Jockey Club for some years.

**Dr. DECIMUS TRIPE**
**Organiser of the First Ambulance Corps.**

## DR. J. DECIMUS TRIPE.

I have referred in an earlier page to the support and countenance the sport of horse-racing has received from medical men. The gentleman whose portrait appears opposite, and whose name is a household word in the district where he resides, has been a member of the Wanganui Jockey Club for over thirty years, and during the whole time has been an honorary surgeon for that flourishing institution, but has never owned or raced, or been actively engaged in the sport as so many of his profession are; indeed, is essentially a non-racing man. Nevertheless he has fully earned the right to appear in this book with "Men of Mark in the World of Sport," for he has done racing signal service as the organiser and head of an ambulance corps composed of young men specially trained by himself to render first aid in cases of accidents occurring during the progress of racing on the Wanganui course. These young men, like the worthy Doctor, who maintains the efficiency of his corps by recruiting from time to time, take the greatest pride in being of assistance, and the pleasing feature of their work is that within a few seconds at most of a fall occurring their aid, if required, is at hand. The Doctor, from a position on the stewards' stand, views each race, and by signal from his men knows whether his personal attention is wanted. Many a horseman owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Decimus Tripe and his ambulance men, many a parent refers to the Doctor in the kindest of terms, and the racing public generally appreciate his good offices. The forethought, in his case, which led up to the organisation of the first ambulance corps to operate on a racecourse in the colonies, is worthy of emulation, and certainly of the highest commendation, and deserving of the greatest publicity. Dr. Tripe is a worthy citizen, and his work will live after him; indeed, there is good reason to suppose that the frequent complimentary references to the efficiency and utility of the Doctor's innovation led many other New Zealand clubs to adopt methods for dealing with accidents in a speedy and up-to-date manner.

**Dr. PAGET**

**President of Stratford Racing Club and a Successful Rider.**

## DR. T. L. PAGET.

There is no more enthusiastic lover of sport than Dr. T. L. Paget, who has identified himself with racing in New Zealand for about eight years, and has been President of the Stratford Racing Club since carrying on his practice there. The Doctor is best known on the West Coast of the North Island as a light-weight gentleman rider, who has ridden with success in many races, and has on occasions beaten professionals on his favourite horse Dick Turpin.

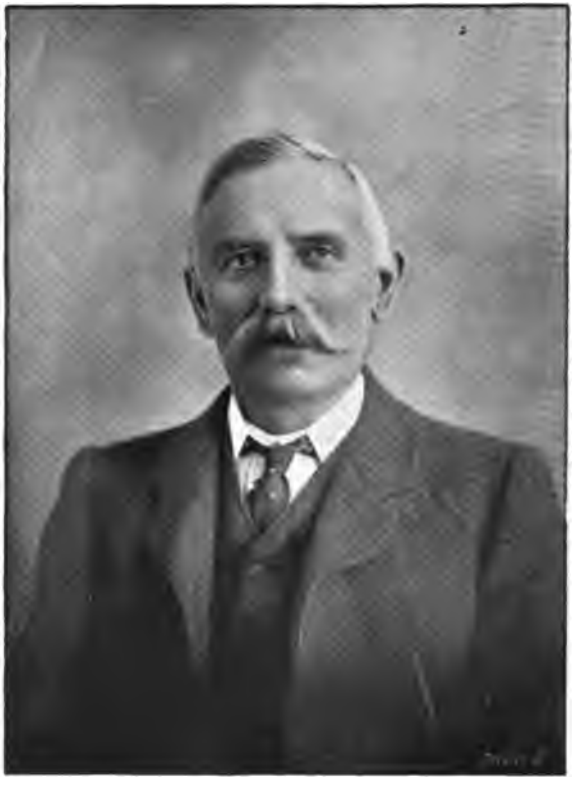
The Doctor, if not actually the first horseman in New Zealand to adopt the Sloan style of riding, was the first of our amateur exponents of the crouching or forward seat. He is a staunch advocate for the appointment of Stipendiary Stewards, and, in conjunction with the Executive of the Stratford Club, has had such an official acting at recent meetings there, with advisory stewards selected from that Club, with results which, it is believed, have been of much material service, as any suspected cases of waiting tactics have been promptly dealt with, and want of decorum on the part of horsemen and trainers has been reported to the Clubs who have the responsibility of licensing them. The Stratford Club is one of the country clubs that have set a good example in that respect, and one which it is hoped will be more generally followed.

Dr. Paget was born in January, 1868, at Longboro, Leicestershire, England, close to Quorn, the home of the famous Quorn pack of fox-hounds, and his relatives are mostly fond of and participants in sport, Sir Edward Paget, a cousin, being a steward of the English Jockey Club. With other enthusiastic workers such as the popular medico of Stratford at their head, country racing institutions on the Taranaki coast should flourish. Every encouragement has been offered to owners at long distances to send their horses to the Club's meetings, the Club having adopted a plan whereby expenses of railage beyond certain distances are defrayed.

**Mr. FRANK McGOVERN**
**A Taranaki Owner.**

## MR. FRANK McGOVERN.

An owner who has been taking more than ordinary interest in breeding and racing in recent years is Mr. Frank McGovern, who was born in Ireland, and as a lad went to the United States of America, and resided there before coming to the colonies in 1876. In that year he landed in Victoria, shortly afterwards turning his attention to Maoriland, and finally settling on the West Coast of the North Island at Patea, and later on, at the opening of the Waimate Plains, taking up land there. During the whole of this time Mr. McGovern has taken a kindly interest in the running of horses, and at intervals had representatives in the local hack events on the coast, and got hold of a useful mare in Kahikatea, a daughter by Puriri of old Medora, a mare who still lives in racecourse story as a performer of note on the flat, over hurdles, and across country. Kahikatea bred for him those useful horses Stranger, Strayshot, Whiffler, Bonus, and Bawn Boy, with the four first-mentioned of which he won a good many races, Strayshot and Bonus performing well over hurdles. The Australian-bred mare Nightingale was purchased when carrying Loch Erne, a gelding who, after winning a number of hack races, went into open company, and, after winning at Otaki, ran second in the Parliamentary Handicap at Wellington, won the Winter Oats Handicap there, and went into enforced retirement until March, 1904, when he was put into work again, and has since won the Wellington Parliamentary Handicap, the Heathcote Handicap at the N.Z. Grand National Meeting, the Spring Handicap at the Wanganui Spring Meeting, besides running prominently in other events. Mr. McGovern has bred and owned a good many horses that he has not raced himself, and for some years used the Auckland Cup and Derby winner Nestor as the Sultan of his little stud in Taranaki, and has a number of that horse's progeny, including Polycaste, winner of the Egmont Sires' Produce Stakes of 1905. Mr. McGovern is popular with racegoers and settlers with whom he comes in contact, and has been for years a member of the Egmont and Manaia Racing Clubs, and at Opunake and other meetings has acted as judge on occasions. His son, Mr. D. McGovern, takes a turn at riding occasionally, and is one of our registered amateurs whom we may expect to see more frequently in the saddle.



**Mr. MARTIN BAIRD**
**A Practical Racing Man.**

## MR. MARTIN J. BAIRD.

The subject of this sketch is a well-known stock agent, horse owner and breeder, and has filled numerous posts of honour in the world of sport, and has done so with much credit to himself and usefulness to the clubs with which he has been connected. As a boy he came to the colony from North Wales with his parents in the year 1865, and resided, first, in Wellington, afterwards, at the age of thirteen years, being engaged on survey work, and a little later on taking a situation on the Otaraia Station, in the Wairarapa, which he later on in life managed. At an early period, while there, he was interested with Mr. Alex. Gillies in a horse called Giliad, one of many useful horses bred by Mr. Collins, of Te Oreore, but Dick Turpin was the first he raced on his own account, and at one of the Wairarapa meetings Mr. Dan O'Brien matched this horse to run Mr. Greathead's Raupo, great interest being taken in the event, which was run under the rules of the club, and under their management. In the match the horses ran a dead heat, and the event was abandoned. Bluejacket was another useful horse Mr. Baird owned, and also a mare called Mischief, while in the Wairarapa, and he frequently rode on the flat and over hurdles in the Wellington Province.

After going to the Wanganui-Taranaki coast, and taking up land there, Mr. Baird raced a few horses, and at the very first meeting held by the Egmont Racing Club his little Clymeneus gelding Kelpie paid a dividend of £53. Meremere was another that did good service, winning the Opunake Cup, amongst other events. From a Deadshot mare, dam of the steeplechase mare Jenny, he bred Novelty, and won the Hack Sires' Produce Stakes at Hawera, then a much-coveted prize; other good ones he owned were those fine hurdlers Hopeful and Pokomoko. Some years before these he owned and raced that sterling little Painter mare Denbigh, who won so many hurdle and cross-country events, and bred the celebrated steeplechaser Moifaa, who, after winning high honours in this colony, was taken to England and won the Liverpool Grand National. For Denbigh, Mr. Baird gave ten old cows, worth at the time about £20. Mr. Baird bred a good many horses of usefulness, and had the sire Gipsy King, also Puriri, up to and for some seasons before that horse died. For many years he was a buyer of fat stock for Mr. Jas. Gear, of Wellington, and is now, and has been for a long time, acting in the same position for the Wellington Meat Export Company. He has been judge at agricultural and pastoral shows at Palmerston North, Wairarapa, Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, New Plymouth, Auckland, Waikato, Whangarei, and Dargaville. There is no

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**The Tattersall of Canterbury.**

department in which he is not *au fait*. For some seasons he acted as starter at the Egmont, Patea, and Stratford meetings. Last year he was President of the Egmont Caledonian Society, and has always been a subscriber to all kinds of sport. Has been Vice-President, and is now President, of the Egmont Agricultural and Pastoral Association.

## MR. F. H. PYNE.

Mr. F. H. Pyne, who is a son of the Rev. Alfred Pyne, Vicar of Roydon, Essex, was born in England, and came to the colony in 1878, and, after being with the firm of J. M. Heywood and Co., Christchurch, for some years, in 1887 joined Mr. Alex. Boyle in the auctioneering business in Canterbury. He has always taken great interest in the sport of racing, of which he is a keen judge. He is a member of the committee and a steward of the Canterbury Jockey Club, and was for some time one of the handicapping committee, and has since been interested in a few horses from time to time. The last one to carry his colours, Lenore, winner of the Ashburton County Cup and other races, was a much better filly than most people supposed, but, unluckily, went wrong. If it did not fall to his lot to own any cracks, it can at least be said that he has been a medium through which other people have. In styling Mr. Pyne the "Tattersall of Canterbury," it will be conceded that no man better deserves the name, for he is right at the head of his avocation as a blood stock salesman. He has disposed of no end of thoroughbreds at the periodical, annual, and many dispersal sales that have engaged his firm's attention in Canterbury. Some of the most successful sires and matrons that ever entered a stud, and a good many of the greatest performers that have carried colours on the turf in this colony, and many that have raced successfully outside of it, have come under his hammer.

There is probably no blood stock auctioneer in the colony today who can look back over the lots he has disposed of and say he has sold so many high-class horses, and so many that have proved good bargains. Merrie England's was perhaps the most sensational sale, and it was effected privately, 1,700 guineas being obtained for the son of St. George and Rupee. This mare, dam of Spade Guinea, and old Idalia, dam of Sir Modred, Betrayer, Cheviot, and so many more good ones, are amongst the illustrious stud matrons that Mr. Pyne sold, and he sold annually the yearlings, and eventually the entire Middle Park Stud, with the stud horses Apremont and St. George. Another great sire and racehorse he sold, and perhaps the very best scion of the house of Traducer, was Vanguard, from En Avant. Clanranald, July, Loyalty, and Bonnie Scotland are others that can be mentioned.

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**Horseman, Owner, and Racing Official.**

The highly-successful Lochiel, indeed, is another, and he achieved even greater distinction at the stud than any.

Chainshot, Dunkeld, Fair Nell, Ravenswing, Siesta, Dreamland, Outpost, Dudu, Boris, King Log, Buluwayo, Bombshell, Skobeleff, all good winners; Tolstoi, Romanoff, Indian Queen, Munjeet, the six last-mentioned, winners of the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes; the extremely brilliant Menschikoff, now at the stud at Wellington Park, and Orloff, were others, and the Grand National winners, Liberator and Freeman, also found new owners through Mr. Pyne's agency. Medallius, who was sold for a few sovereigns, and who won the N.Z. Grand National Hurdle Race of 1904, also ranks amongst the number. On occasions, Mr. Pyne's eloquence in the rostrum has been quite wasted, for there have been times when people could not be induced to bid for good horses. Such an occasion was that when Skirmisher, Pibroch, and Sortie were offered on account of Mr. J. F. Reid, the Elderslie studmaster, their breeder, as yearlings. Skirmisher won, amongst many other races, the Welcome Stakes, C.J.C. Derby, and Canterbury Cup, and the fillies named produced respectively Menschikoff, who won eleven races at two years old, and the Hawke's Bay Guineas, C.J.C. and A.R.C. Derbies, and Canterbury Cup—all his three-year-old engagements; and Orloff, who won the C.J.C. Derby and Dunedin Cup, and three out of five two-year-old engagements.

## MR. ALEX. BOYLE.

Mr. Alex. Boyle is a son of Admiral Boyle, was born in England, educated at Harrow, and came to New Zealand in 1877, and settled in South Canterbury, where he commenced farming in 1879. There he did a little racing at the local meetings in that year. He began riding in 1881, and soon gained a name as one of the finest amateur horsemen in the colony. Having a nice seat, good hands, and excellent judgment, there is no wonder he was seen up on many good horses. The first ride Mr. Boyle had in public was on Milo, in the Hurdle Race at Waimate, and the following may be mentioned amongst the best-known of his mounts:—Overdraft, Gangawa', Black Doctor, Lady Perdita, Chainshot, Woodstock, Ivanhoe, Count d'Orsay, Tres Sec, Ixion, Cajolery, and Shillelagh. Of these horses, Chainshot went to England, and Ixion to Australia. In 1878 Mr. Boyle became a member of the Canterbury Jockey Club, and has been a steward and committeeman of that club for many years past. He was President of the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase Club the year that it was merged with the Canterbury Jockey Club, and acted as starter for that club after Mr. Pat. Campbell

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**First Owner of Gladsome.**

resigned, and again after the late Mr. Sam Powell died. After eight years of farming, Mr. Boyle became a partner in the firm of Pyne and Co., auctioneers, of Christchurch, a firm which has sold more thoroughbred stock since the partnership commenced than any other in the South Island. Mr. Boyle's practical experience of racing and riding has made him a capable official, and he has been of much assistance, not only on the metropolitan body, but on minor ones, and at the agricultural shows, and, like his partner, Mr. F. Pyne, is deservedly popular with sportsmen generally and the settlers throughout Canterbury.

## MR. J. B. REID.

The gentleman whose portrait appears on the opposite page is Mr. J. B. Reid, who has been racing for just on twenty-five years, having commenced in the year 1880. He was born in Victoria, and came to New Zealand when a child, and was brought up to station life, having spent some years on his father's far-famed Elderslie Estate, near Oamaru. There, and amongst the big breeders of South Canterbury and North Otago, he gained considerable knowledge and experience of stud stock, and became quite an expert in all appertaining thereto, his especial study being sheep. He has, as a matter of fact, judged at nearly all the leading shows in the colony.

As a member of committee and steward of the North Otago Jockey Club, he was first known in connection with the management of racing, and later on acted in similar capacities for the Dunedin Jockey Club, and in recent years for the Canterbury Jockey Club. He has acted as judge on appeal cases sent before the Racing Conference, and is recognised as a straight-going owner.

The first horse of note with which Mr. Reid was connected was Wolverine, whom he owned. This horse won, amongst other events, the New Zealand Cup. Then there was Dilemma, who went near, but was not quite good enough for, the leading events. Skirmisher, for whom no one would bid when the fine son of Vanguard and Ouida was offered for sale, was raced by Mr. Reid with much success, as he won the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, Canterbury Derby and Cup, Dunedin J.C. Birthday Handicap, and other good races. Ambush was a good filly, and Susannah was fair, and Lolah moderate: but the best Mr. Reid owned and raced was Gladsome, whom he purchased at Sylvia Park for 100 guineas. The daughter of Seaton Delaval and Miss Gladys is from a rare good family, and though she ran several good races at two years old, only came out of her seclusion, so to speak, after the Canterbury Jockey Club Spring Meeting, where she was second in the Stewards' Handicap and

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**An Old-time Trainer and Owner.**

won the C.J.C. Oaks, and unplaced in the Ranfurly Handicap. After being unplaced in the Railway Handicap at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, she won the Summer Cup, paying a dividend of £13 15s. 6d., the Great Northern Derby, and the Auckland Plate, and followed these victories up by winning the Wellington Cup and Racing Club Handicap, in each of which she established New Zealand records for the respective distances, viz., 2min. 33 3-5th sec. in the Cup, and 2min. 7sec. in the Handicap, the Cup time being also an Australasian record—indeed, a world's record for a three-year-old filly carrying 8st. 5lb. That Mr. Reid should, after a lapse of some months, be deprived of the fruits of his victories in the races mentioned on a technical point, held by the judges to have been an infringement of the racing laws, is to be deplored, and it will ever be a source of displeasure to the framers of those laws that any clause in the code could be capable of such a construction, as they were never intended to bear oppressively on anyone not wilfully or seriously offending. The greatest possible sympathy was extended to Mr. Reid in this stroke of real bad luck. Gladsome won another race in New Zealand before being taken to Sydney, where she won the Spring Stakes at Randwick for Mr. Reid, who sold her for £1,200 to her present owner, who hase won upwards of £3,000 with her since, Mr. Reid having decided to visit England and the Argentine, recently sold his little stud of mares at Canowie, Riccarton, Canterbury, and for a time at least we shall not see his colours on our racecourses in New Zealand. More's the pity.

## MR. W. C. WEBB.

There is no better-known racing man in Canterbury than Mr. W. C. Webb, who was born in the year 1834, in Berkshire, England, and commenced his racing career fourteen years later, under his step-father, Sam Scott, at Ascot Heath, with whom he remained for seven or eight years, when he went with John Day, who had the stud at Danebury for a time. Mr. Etwell, who bred Andover, the winner of the Derby in 1854, had an own brother to that colt, and got Mr. Day to allow Mr. Webb to take the colt to Tattersall's, where he had many conversations with Jonathan Carter, the manager there, who was struck with the methodical way Mr. Webb went about his work, and shortly afterwards asked him to meet Mr. Tom Jennings, who was training for Count Le Grange at the time, at Chantilly, in France. The result of an interview led to Mr. Webb going as head lad to Mr. Jennings, who was found to be a sterling master and one of the kindliest of men, and whose death, which took place four years ago, at the age of 77 years, was heard of by Mr. Webb with regret.

When, through a very severe illness of rheumatic fever, Mr. Webb had to leave Chantilly, Mr. Jennings kept his position open for him, and there he remained for about two years and a-half. Joe Morrison, who afterwards went out to Australia, and gave evidence of his riding abilities there, and in New Zealand, was then second jockey for the stable. At this time the Count bought Monarque, amongst others, and Miss Gladiator, and the union of these thoroughbreds, as the world knows, resulted in the production of the great Gladiateur, the first horse to break the spell of British supremacy on the English turf by winning the Derby. A shift was made from Chantilly to Copeigne, and while there Harry Hall, the famous artist, was engaged, and painted four of the Count's horses—Monarque and Ventre St. Gris (winners of the French Derby), Mademoiselle de Chantilly (winner of the City and Suburban and French Oaks), and Etoile de Nord (winner of the French Oaks).

Mr. Webb had thus experience of training methods of the best, Tom Jennings being a capable man, and one who did his work thoroughly, and educated his men to do the same. He did not believe in tan and artificial tracks, but was content with the good old turf, and his horses had to do solid work. Mr. Webb had for some time conceived the idea that he would visit the colonies. For a time he stayed with Mr. John Bains, who was training for Baron Schickler, whose horses were very successful for a time. While there Mr. Webb put an advertisement in *Bell's Life*, stating that he intended going out to New Zealand, and offering to take charge of blood stock. This brought a reply from Mr. Lancelot Walker, now of Four Peaks Station, Canterbury, who was then on a visit to England, and Mr. Webb went to meet Mr. Walker in London, with the result that he was placed in charge of a valuable collection of thoroughbreds, two at least of which were destined to play a leading part in the history of the New Zealand turf and beyond seas. These were the world-renowned Traducer, and the maternal ancestress of one of the greatest families the colony has ever known, the illustrious Mermaid, dam of Lurline and Le Loup. On that ship were also Tom King and Leotard, who did little for posterity, Tomiris and another, mares that were not great actors either. The ship they came by was the Kensington, a sailing vessel, and the voyage, which included a stoppage at the Cape for a week, was an eventful and a long one, occupying from New Year's Day to June 21st, 1862. Several times it was contemplated putting some of the horses overboard, in such a weak condition had they got. Indeed, Mr. Walker despaired of landing them; but Mr. Innes, of Harris and Innes, who had on board a Clydesdale stallion, Lord Fergus, was more hopeful, and, as a matter of fact, bought the lot from Mr. Walker a few days off port. Mr. Webb remained in charge until the horses were sold.

About this time Mr. Henry Lance purchased some horses from Mr. Redwood, Ladybird being one of them, and Mr. Webb trained her for her second Champion Race, which she won; also Miss Lee, who finished second. After a time he started training on his own account, and also for several owners, having acquired the Bush Inn property, so well known to visitors by road to Riccarton, Canterbury. There Mr. Webb had been resident for nearly forty years until very recently. Many winners were turned out there, with the ownership and training of which Mr. Webb's name has been associated, and many good ones were bred either on the property or in the vicinity. Knottingly (twice a Canterbury Cup winner), Belle of the Isle, also a Canterbury Cup winner, and dam of that good horse, "brave old Templeton," mentioned by Tom Bracken, New Zealand's poet, in verse, Revoke (dam of Trump Card), also that horse himself, Le Loup, Danebury, Ruby, Springston, Jangler, Wrangler, and scores of others were trained there. Mr. Webb had amongst his patrons Mr. Harris, who made him a present of Southern Chief, who became a success afterwards at the stud in the North Island, and Mr. G. G. Stead, who had not at that time gone in for private training quarters.

The names of all others trained and raced or bred by Mr. Webb would fill a lot of space, but mention can be made of the fact that he trained four of the horses that started in the first steeplechase held at Linwood, in Canterbury, Jessie, ridden to victory by Mr. Janaway, being one of them. Bob Ray, H. Fuller, Patsy Butler, D. Jones, H. Goodman, F. Stenning, F. Healy, W. Griffin, M. Goodger, and the brothers C., A. and N. Storey, owed a good deal of their success with horses and as trainers to tuition at the hands of Mr. Webb, who retired from racing and breeding of horses a few years ago, and recently sold out his long-time home, the well-known Bush Inn hostelry, which was managed in an exemplary manner, mine host, however, spending the greater part of his life in attending to his stud and in farming, a hobby in which he has always taken the utmost pride. Mr. Webb's memory takes him back to the time when Flying Dutchman won the Derby in 1849, at which he was present; but business prevented him seeing the great match at York between that horse and Voltigeur two years later.

**Mr. W. O. WILLIAMS**
**A Pioneer Wairarapa Sportsman.**

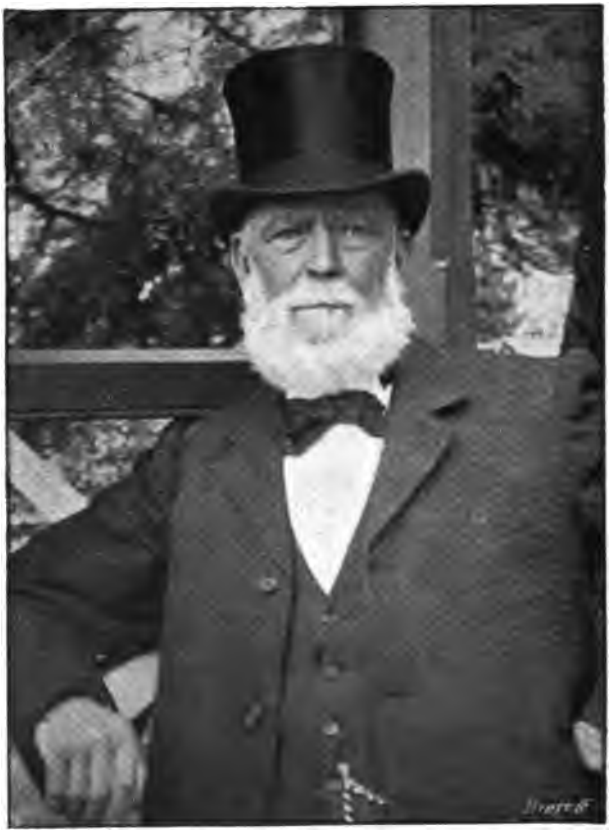
## MR. W. O. WILLIAMS.

Mr. W. O. Williams may well be described as one of New Zealand's pioneers, since he came to this colony on the 18th February, 1840, and settled in Wellington. In the May following his arrival, seventeen houses, including that of his father, were destroyed by a fire, and the same night the emigrants felt their first heavy earthquake, and families were scattered in all directions to obtain shelter and places of safety. Mr. Williams went to Sir Francis Molesworth, and soon got amongst the horses, Calmuc Tartar and Figaro, the last-named the first thoroughbred landed in Wellington, trained by the late Mr. Josiah Tucker, being the first with which he was connected. They were prepared on the Petone Beach, where Mr. Williams used to ride Figaro. In their test gallops Calmuc Tartar was voted the better horse by about two stone, although beaten in the Maiden Race by Figaro at what is always claimed to have been the first actual race meeting held in New Zealand.

After Sir Francis Molesworth left for England, Mr. Williams was not further interested in racing until he went to the Wairarapa to settle in 1856, shortly after which he undertook to handle and ride the great Kurewhare, by Figaro, bred by Mr. Bidwell. At this time—1857—the Wairarapa races were held on Mr. Bidwell's run on the island near the Wairenga bridge, on the north side of the main road. Some time after this the Wairarapa Jockey Club shifted to Kemptons racecourse, on the Moroa Plain, near Greytown. It was there that Mr. Williams started a horse in his own name, and called him Gaffer Gray, winning the Maiden Plate. From that time forward he owned a good many horses, notably the then famous Volunteer, who won numerous races.

Years afterwards came Danebury, Lara, and others, and Mr. Williams more recently bred a few, such as Purepo and Derringcote, and always owned or leased or had an interest in stud horses of the thoroughbred type calculated to improve the breed of horses in the Wairarapa, Mr. Joe Hayward, the well-known studmaster, being for a long time associated in their management, as he had been in training and racing.

With the Wairarapa Racing Club Mr. Williams has been connected from its inception, and he was one of the instigators of the races being shifted to Tauherinikau, where racing was carried on for several years, when the Club returned to the Moroa on account of encroachments of the Tauherinikau River. The trustees set about repairing the damage. Mr. Williams then joined the Featherston Hack Racing Club, and persuaded that body to take over the Tauherinikau course in place of the



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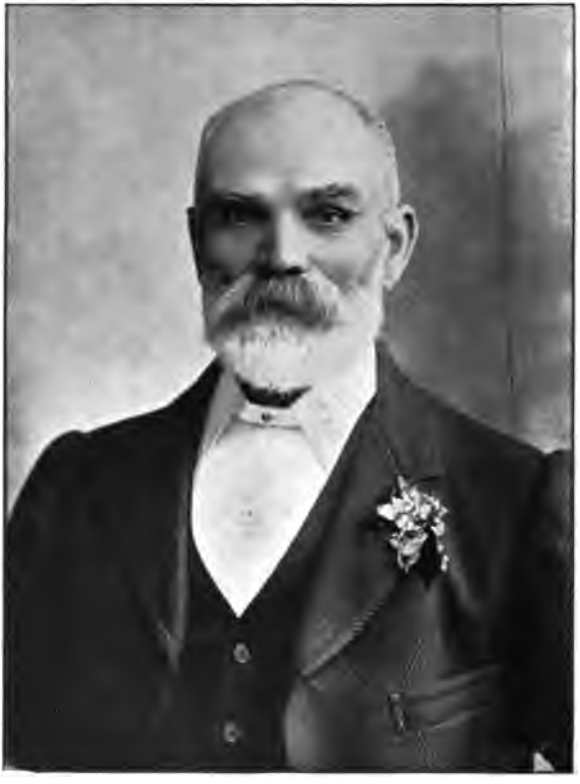
**The Oldest Racing Official in the Colony.**

one they were racing on, which they did, but soon the name was altered to the South Wairarapa Racing Club, and later to the Wairarapa Racing Club, which club has gone on progressing ever since. Mr. Williams has always taken a leading part, and now, though enforced retirement has been brought about, he can point to a long life of usefulness, and will always be held in kindly remembrance by those who knew him as a sportsman, a lover of good horses and straight racing.

## MR. JOHN WILKINS.

There is probably no racing official in the colonies who has attained the same age in active service as Mr. John Wilkins, the popular clerk of the scales and steward of the Wellington Racing Club. Born in the Parish of Inkerrow, County of Worcester, England, in 1827, Mr. Wilkins is consequently in his 78th year. He has been connected with the Wellington Racing Club for about twenty-seven years, the greater part of that time as a steward and clerk of the scales, and has only missed one meeting at the Hutt during that period. He has also been a trustee of the Hutt Park course for many years. On three occasions he has topped the poll at the annual elections, and no man could take a greater pride in his club or in his work. For one of his age, he puts a lot of vitality into his business, and passes the jockeys through and handles the weights in a remarkable manner; indeed, he is only a veteran in years when the weighing out and in has to be attended to. Always athletic, he played cricket and took an interest in sport before coming to New Zealand, in 1856, and when 63 years of age won a foot race—a match on the Hutt course. Mr. Wilkins has weighed out most of the leading horsemen in the colony, and no clerk of the scales is better known to riders generally, both of to-day and of the old school. He has also weighed several New Zealand Governors, and probably the weightiest of all colonial Premiers, the Hon. Richard J. Seddon, who kicked the beam at something over 20 stone, a tidy welter weight.

Mr. Wilkins in his time has weighed out and in riders for some high-class horses and mares, and Waiuku is one he thought very highly of. Vanguard, and his son Advance, Achilles, Guy Fawkes, and Explosion are others, and amongst the mares Cynisca, Lady Zetland and Cruciform come in for special mention. Perhaps the worst Cup horse that ever left the weighing-yard was Sailor, who was backed "play or pay," finish where they might, against each of quite a number of horses for a lot of money, and as none of the horses against which he was backed started, his owner appeared to have a soft thing on hand. Sailor carried too great a responsibility, and ran off the course, falling into the creek at the back, and his rider did not come back to scale.



**Mr. JOHN LENNARD**
**A Veteran Auckland Sportsman.**

## MR. JOHN LENNARD.

There are few who have been more consistent followers of racing in the Sunny North than Mr. John P. Lennard. It is thirty-five years since he had his first experience of ownership, and only old-timers will remember the game little chestnut mare Minnie Athol, by Potentate, who won for Mr. Lennard a good many flat and jumping races, including the first hurdle race at the Parawai, Thames, afterwards breeding for her owner Rally, Venus, Sunbeam, and Rifleman, all of which won races. The last-named, indeed, was hailed the winner of the first and only Waikato Derby of 250 sovs., run for at Ohaupo, and ridden by the late John Laing. It was at Ohaupo that Mr. Lennard purchased Malvern, a useful horse, with which he won the Waikato and Welter Handicaps in one day, the Auckland R.C. Autumn Handicap, and many country races, until he broke his leg racing in the old Ellerslie gardens. Ratcatcher, Kenilworth, and Othello were others with which he won races, but they were expensive horses. Dewdrop was a lucky purchase, and a good and consistent stake-winner. Mr. Lennard also raced Lyre, maternal ancestress of Mars, Renown, and so many good horses. Donald Taylor, and afterwards J. Laing, trained for Mr. Lennard, and they and their sons rode and won many races for him. Mr. Lennard purchased Zantippe and bred Capella, and won with her. He bought Chandler, and engaged J. Rae as trainer and rider. Chandler won in one season alone eleven double events over obstacles, and secured nearly every big jumping stake in Auckland province. He also had Cloggs, an unlucky mare, and Shotover, a good horse over hurdles. Falcon, purchased at a country meeting, was all profit, and won five steeplechases at Ellerslie, including the Summer Steeplechase, and steeplechases at the Thames, Onehunga, and elsewhere. Having Bragella, he bred Ida and Dorothy at Mangere. The last-named was uncertain, but Ida was good, and won all four welter races at Ellerslie one winter meeting, two a day. He also raced Musket Maid, the dam of Waiuku and Okoari, without success, and Vieux Rose, the last-named bred by Mr. Walters, and won races with her, and purchased Brilliant and Favona; but Fabulist was a good investment, and with him, in conjunction with another, Mr. Lennard won the Auckland Guineas, Derby, Takapuna Cup, A.R.C. Christmas Handicap, Autumn Handicap, and many other races, George Absolum training him, and others since that time. Mr. Lennard started a small breeding stud, and with good results. Ida, Vieux Rose, Dorothy, Marjorie, and Roxana comprise the stud. Winners so far have been Idas, Idassa, Maroon and Gold, Val Rosa, Bona Rosa, Alba Rose, Carl Rosa, Lurcher,

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**A Good All-round Supporter of Racing.**

Lavadel, Yolette, and Yvonne. Mrs. Lennard took over the horses and stud in 1890, but now they have passed them over to their sons, and are settled down on their farm at Te Aroha, and are looking forward, as many of their old friends will do, to seeing the maroon and gold hoops frequently unfurled, and as often in the front as of old.

## MR. R. E. McRAE.

Mr. R. E. McRae was born at Wakefield, seventeen miles out of Nelson, and was educated at the Nelson College. Nelson at that time was looked upon as the headquarters of racing in New Zealand, and the largest studs of thoroughbreds in the colony were located there, and quite a number of good patrons of the sport. Mr. McRae, when quite a young boy, saw his first race meeting at the Wairau, Marlborough, at which Mr. Isaac Freeth, who is still training successfully in the Wairarapa, won with two of his horses, Cruiskeen and Leading Article.

Mr. McRae's memory takes him back to the days when Lady-bird, who was looked upon then as a pony, and Revoke were racing in Nelson. In 1866 he trained and rode a mare of his own called Young Madcap, and rode several races about the same year for his brother, about which time E. Cutts, the trainer, was riding at 8st. 7lb. The first steeplechaser Mr. McRae had was Subaltern, who was not a success, but Rustic was purchased afterwards, and Butcher Boy, and these horses won over all kinds of country. Rustic secured the Auckland Steeplechase on the same day as Butcher Boy won the Wanganui Grand National.

In conjunction with Mr. W. G. Nicholson, who was one of the best cross-country gentlemen riders of his day, Mr. McRae owned the fencers Medora (of Southern fame) and Gazelle, and later, on his own account, Owhiti, Clarice, Whalebone, Conscript, and others, and he rightly thinks Whalebone was one of the best jumpers that ever negotiated a country. No other owners have within the editor's knowledge had a similar experience in steeple-chasing to Mr. McRae, and Mr. E. Shove, whose horses, Whale-bone and Bootles, ran three dead-heats on three different courses —Egmont, Wanganui, and Wellington. Volunteer, the sire of these horses, Monarch, Puriri, and Dead Shot, were sires Mr. McRae got from Nelson, and they all made their mark on the West Coast of the North Island.

In Torpedo, by the Australian, Mr. McRae had a good flat horse, with which he won about thirty races before selling him for £300, when he was taken to Australia, and later to South Africa. Torpedo was originally sold for £5 7s. 6d. in Taranaki.

Mr. McRae has always taken a hand on governing bodies, and has been a steward of the Nelson J.C., Wakefield and Aramoho

**Mr. BENJAMIN GOSLING**
**A Veteran of the Old School.**

Steeplechase Meetings, Marton, Rangitikei, Waverley, Waitotara, Wanganui, Patea, Egmont, Opunake, Manaia, and Taranaki Clubs, and at times officiated as handicapper, starter, and judge for some of them. He was the originator of the Egmont Hunt Club, now amalgamated with Wanganui, and President of it for several years, but retired on leaving for South Africa three years ago, at which time West Coast settlers made him a rich presentation. Mr. Nelson McRae, who was a most successful gentleman rider on the flat, over hurdles and country, and who, after winning nine races and being second five times at the New Zealand Grand National, Christchurch Hunt, and Amberley Meetings, was killed through a horse called Stilts falling at a hurdle on the Rangitikei racecourse a few years ago, was a son of Mr. R. E. McRae.

## MR. BENJAMIN GOSLING.

To say that the subject of this sketch, Mr. Benjamin Gosling, is an ardent lover of sport, would not adequately convey the truth. Mr. Gosling has resided at Feilding for many years, and for a quarter of a century has been a steward of the Feilding Jockey Club, and that means from its inception, and has always been an active worker. He was one of the first to start the Feilding Athletic Club, of which he is still a member, and probably the oldest member of any such institution in the colony. Mr. Gosling was born on the 15th September, 1827, at Great Yarmouth, England, and was brought up by his uncle, Mr. James Green, who was President of the Yarmouth Yacht Club, and Umpire of the Regattas of the North and Suffolk Divisions. Mr. Gosling came to New Zealand in 1872, and joined the Marton-Rangitikei Jockey Club the same year, and became a steward for the next meeting. He was the first to propose handicap races for that club, welter weight, weight-for-age, and catch weight events being then in vogue. It was Mr. Gosling who proposed Mr. J. E. Henrys for his first position as a handicapper to the Feilding Jockey Club, and all New Zealand knows the standing Mr. Henrys has achieved. Mr. Gosling also picked upon Mr. Hartgill as a likely man for the position of judge, and proposed that gentleman for the office for the Feilding J.C., since which time Mr. Hartgill's special qualifications have been heartily recognised North and South. Mr. Gosling attends most of the meetings round about his district, and has not missed one in Wanganui for thirty-one years, another record probably. His is indeed a well-known figure in the world of sport, and if he could have his way we should have more long-distance races on our programmes, as he is a strong advocate for increasing rather than cutting down the distances of races.

**Mr. ROBERT ALDWORTH**
**A Popular Hunting Squire.**

## MR. ROBERT ALDWORTH.

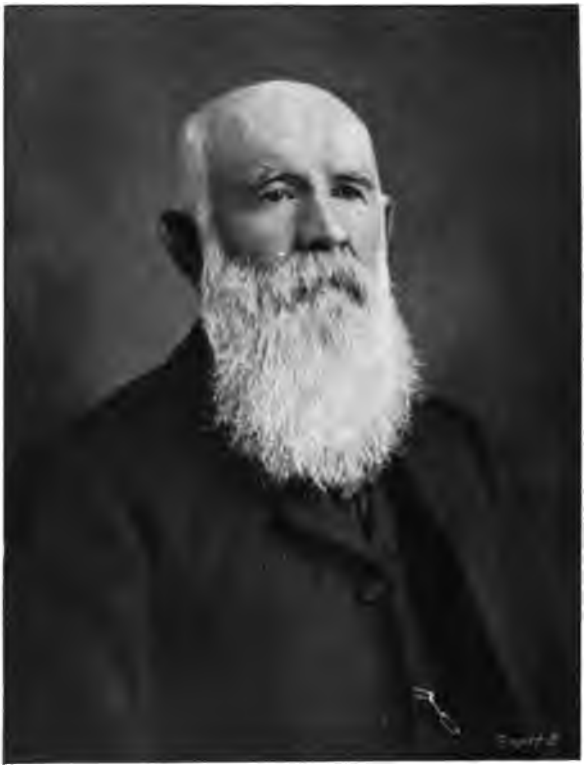
There are few better-known settlers in the Marton-Rangitikei district than Mr. Robert Aldworth, whose portrait appears opposite. This was taken from a snapshot while he was attending one of the many agricultural and pastoral association shows, at which he has rendered valuable service as a judge of light horses in New Zealand for some years past. Mr. Aldworth was born in 1836, at Trilford, Abington, Berkshire, England. He comes of a sporting family, and began hunting on a Shetland pony before going to Marlborough College in 1847. There he played all the games, and was in the Eleven, won the mile race, the high jump, and the 440 yards hurdle race, and was generally selected as one of the foxes in the annual paper-chases, and ran with Ashton Smith's hounds from Care Hill. When he left school he began hunting regularly with the Old Berks Hounds, and he kept it up until he left England in 1882 for New Zealand, and finally settled near Marton. There his home, "Silverhope," is one of the best-known trysts in one of the best of New Zealand hunting districts, where the country takes a lot of doing, and where the settlers breed the right class of horses for long, strong and trying tasks, such as are met with at average meets of the Rangitikei Hounds. With the settlers generally, and with hunting and racing people in particular, Mr Aldworth has been an established friend from his first introduction to the district, and to say that he is an ornament to it is unnecessary. Few men have had a wider experience of the sport he loves so well, for he has hunted with the undermentioned packs:—The Old Berks, under the mastership of James Morrell, Chas. Duffield, and Henley Greaves as a committee of three, Thos. Duffield, E. Martin Atkins, and John Baynton Starky (father of the present Master of the Brakenfield, Canterbury, Hounds), and Lord Craven; the South Berks, the Craven, the South Oxfordshire, with Lord Macclesfield as Master, the Bicester, and Thos. Thyrwitt Drake. When hunting with the South Oxfordshire, the two packs ran together, and killed the fox in a covert close to Newmarket guide posts. The huntsmen both claimed the fox, and, after breaking him up, drew their hounds apart through a gate, a memorable event. Other packs Mr. Aldworth hunted with were Her Majesty's Stag Hounds, Lord Wolverton's Bloodhounds, the Duke of Beaufort's, The Vale of White Horse, John Mandy Jenkins, and Wyndham Lewis, in Glamorganshire, and he was present at the scouring of the White Horse, where they turned down the greasy pig, had back-swording and jingling, sports all mentioned in "Tom Brown's Schooldays," a book so widely read, and with the author of which Mr. Aldworth dined afterwards at Squire Atkins',

**Mr. JOHN CLARK**
**A Gisborne Owner and Breeder.**

Kingstone Lisle, close to the Blowing Stone, also mentioned in the same book. Mr. Aldworth has been for some years in the forefront of hunting, agricultural, and social life in his district, and holds a number of prominent positions. He has been President for some years of the Marton Jockey Club, which makes a strong point of encouraging races for horses of the utility class.

## MR. JOHN CLARK.

Mr. John Clark, who is a prominent settler in Gisborne, and who has assisted with his horses at the local and district meetings from year to year for many years past, and occasionally further afield, came to the colony thirty years ago from Scotland, and travelled the colony for a time, until he finally selected Opou, Gisborne, as a field for his energies. There he took up and broke in land, and became a successful cattle and sheep breeder, and a breeder of horse stock likewise. In the ownership of racing material, he first joined with Mr. Sunderland, and raced Misfortune, Pani, and Othello, and afterwards, in conjunction with Mr. Winter Hammon, Retribution, Hopmarket, and Huna, from Mystery. Othello and Hopmarket were Australian-bred horses. Then, on his own account, he ran Hopgarden, Papatu, Paria, Faro, Casino, and others he bred himself on his own station, and the first-named trio have been successful performers; but Mr. Clark claims that Tam-o'-Shanter, by Emir Bey, who unfortunately went wrong, was the best he ever owned or bred. Recently Mr. Clark took a trip to England, and soon after his return talked of retiring from racing, and has leased some of his horses with that intention; but it is to be hoped that when some of his younger horses come on we shall see his white jacket, black collar, cuffs and cap, comparatively recently registered, figuring at least in Gisborne events. Mr. Clark has been Vice-President of the Poverty Bay Turf Club for many years, and a committeeman and steward on occasions when he would accept office.



**Mr. H. N. HARRISON**
**A Wanganui Sportsman.**

## MR. H. N. HARRISON.

There are comparatively few who will remember that kindly old English gentleman, Mr. Henry Shafto Harrison, of Wanganui, but Mr. Henry Harrison, son of that revered sportsman, is well and popularly known by all racegoers and settlers in the Wanganui, Taranaki, and Wellington districts, and by visitors to the West Coast meetings. He is indeed one of the oldest members of the Wanganui Jockey Club, one of the oldest of its racing officials, and has filled the Vice-President's chair for a lengthy period, besides similar positions for other racing institutions. Most people know Mr. Henry Harrison, of One Tree Hill, Fordell, Wanganui, not only as an enthusiastic club-man, but as a breeder of good racing stock, and in that connection we have to go a long way back, when he and his father were racing the progeny of some old-time mares. First, let it be stated that Mr. Harrison with his parents came to the colony in 1840, and remained at Wanganui until 1847, when they returned to England. They remained at Home until 1854, when they came out again and settled permanently near Wanganui. Mr. Harrison, senr., at an early date became possessed of the Riddlesworth filly Annie, maternal ancestress of many decidedly useful horses that have raced in different parts of the colony. Annie ran first in Lieutenant Lewis' name in the Wanganui Produce in the last week in December, 1859, and, as she was foaled in 1855, was then four years old, and second in Mr. Harrison's nomination for the Wanganui Stakes at the same meeting to Captain Trafford's Sibyl. At the previous meeting, in January, 1859, Mr. Harrison ran a grey gelding called Graham for the Produce, and may possibly have raced prior to that date, and even between the date of his arrival in 1840 and 1847, before he returned Home. Be this as it may, Annie gives us a line to start from, and, like all the old Riddlesworth mares, did great service. All her progeny raced with one exception with success, and she bred Warrengate, Lochinvar, Nebula, Zillah, Volunteer, Deerfoot, Junius, Soukar, Miss O'Toole, Woodpecker, Sunshine, and Sham. Volunteer was the only one left entire of the colts. Nebula produced Sour Grapes, Zillah left My Dream, Buzzard, Vesper, and Hippona. Vesper has been breeding, and Hippona left Boreas and others. Sunshine was the dam of Waterbury, Pampero, Sundial, Sunbeam, Niobe, and more. The female line should not be lost sight of. Mr. Harrison raced a good many of the descendants of the old mare and her daughters himself, and won the Wanganui and Rangitikei Produce races with some of them, and some rattling fine horses came from the family. Mr. Harrison bred many more good horses from other mares, some of them jumpers. For some years Mr. Harrison gave a silver cup to be

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**President of the Poverty Bay Turf Club.**

run for by the progeny of his sire Day Dawn, a beautifully-bred horse who, with limited chances, left no end of hard-legged, good ones, all natural jumpers, but a bit hot-tempered. For a time the late Mr. Elliott declined to admit some of Annie's family to the Stud Book. In more recent ones that has in part been rectified, but there are a number of branches that should be brought into future publications.

## MR. JAMES NOLAN.

Mr. J. W. Nolan, President of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, has held that position for eleven years, and has been twenty-four years on the executive thereof, and for some time President of the Poverty Bay Cricket and Football Unions, and the Amateur Athletic Club. These positions he qualified for in a good school—experience. In Auckland he was a well-known straight goer in the hunting field with the Pakuranga Hounds, and rode successfully in a number of amateur events, chiefly for members of the Pakuranga Hunt Club. He was a football representative for Auckland for some years, until he left to reside in Gisborne, and was one of the Auckland Eleven to play the first Australian team, and was first emergency in Auckland *v.* Canterbury, was a member of the winning crew for a race for juniors rowed on the Waitemata waters, won numerous prizes in running and jumping, and particularly in hurdle racing, in which line he held an unbeaten record in Auckland for races of 120 and 440 yards. Was first Secretary for the Rowing, Cricket, and Football Clubs at North Shore, and was one of the first Trustees for the formation of the present Domain Cricket Ground in Auckland. During his residence of just on a quarter of a century in Poverty Bay, Mr. Nolan has thoroughly identified himself with its sports and pastimes, and was for several seasons Master of the Poverty Bay Hounds, was seldom without a good mount, and has owned several good performers between the flags, of which special mention can be made of Sam, the 'chaser, whose real merits were never fully elucidated in public, despite the many more than creditable and winning exhibitions he gave on Poverty Bay and Auckland courses. While associated with the Poverty Bay Turf Club, that racing institution has had its years of depression as well as of prosperity, and its progress is in keeping with the growth and development of the fine district in which it is the oldest of the racing clubs. The subject of this sketch is a brother to Mr. Henry Nolan, whose biography appears in these pages, and also a brother to Mr. Robert Nolan, some time Secretary and now President of the Egmont Racing Club, one of the flourishing clubs of the West Coast of the North Island.

**Mr. H. O. NOLAN**
**An Auckland Blood-stock Salesman.**

# MR. H. O. NOLAN.

Mr. Henry Octavius Nolan was born on December 25th, 1863, at Bathurst, New South Wales, and came to Auckland in his childhood. He was educated at the Parnell Grammar School, Auckland, and at the age of fourteen went into an office. Two years later he moved to the West Coast, where he remained for some time with his brother Robert. On returning to Auckland he joined the well-known firm of Hunter and Nolan, with which he was associated until they sold out to the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited. He and the late Mr. Jas. P. A. Philson, who was one of the best salesmen of his day, were auctioneering together. He has been connected with the blood stock sales ever since the good old days of Captain Walmsley and the Auckland Stud Company. Mr. Philson conducted these sales up to the time of his death, when Mr. Nolan succeeded him, and has sold at nearly all the principal blood sales since.

Mr. Nolan has always been very keen on sport, and has been a member of the Pakuranga Hunt Club ever since his boyhood, and is one of its oldest members. He was a regular follower up to the last few years. He has been a member of the Auckland Racing Club for many years, and a steward of the same Club for ten years, and for the last three years a member of the committee. He has also taken a great interest in polo, being a life member of the Auckland Polo Club, and is now President of that Club, and Vice-President of the Remuera Polo Club.

Like most auctioneers in the blood stock line, Mr. Nolan has sold many thoroughbreds that have proved great bargains, the most notable being Gladsome, as a yearling, to Mr. J. B. Reid for 100 guineas, at Sylvia Park; Machine Gun to Mr. Stead, at Wellington Park, for 340 guineas; Silkworm to the same buyer, at Sylvia Park, for 180 guineas; also Savoury for 300 guineas at Cambria Park, and Annette for 90 guineas.

The highest prices obtained by Mr. Nolan up to the present time have been 1,700 guineas for Seaton Delaval, and 1,500 guineas for San Francisco, at the clearing sale of the Sylvia Park Stud. Both these sires were imported. Miss Gladys, dam of Gladsome, realised, with foal at foot, at the same sale, 740 guineas. For Monoform, as a yearling, Mr. Nolan got 1,200 guineas; for Carcanet, 700 guineas; and for Uranus, 610 guineas. Neither of the two last-named have yet raced. The only other for which over a monkey was obtained was Sans Peur, who realised 510 guineas, a price well within the value of such a beautiful filly, who, in the little we saw of her on the turf, was a good one.

**Mr. J. A. HARDING**
**A Gisborne Owner and Racing Official.**

## MR. J. A. HARDING.

Mr. John Alfred Harding, of Gisborne, was born in the County of Tipperary, Ireland, and came to Auckland in the sixties, when he attended the old St. Matthew's School in Hobson Street. At fifteen years of age he joined Mr. O'Meara, District Surveyor, at Taupiri, in the Waikato, and was with him for several years, when he went to Mahurangi, on the trig survey, afterwards joining Mr. Breen, civil engineer, by whom the first survey of the Waikato railway was undertaken. Mr. Harding was appointed Inspector of Works between Rangiriri and Huntly, military volunteers being employed at the time. There he remained till January, 1875, when he went to Gisborne, and continued on survey work until 1884, surveying amongst other properties the Te Aroha run. He settled for a time at Waipiro, on the East Coast, as a general storekeeper, and took service with Mr. J. N. Williams there, but in 1877 took up a timber business in Gisborne, and had several vessels taking timber there, and acted as local agent for the Auckland Kauri Timber Company until he sold out to Messrs. Kennedy and Evans, and took over Mr. "Jimmy" Scott's lease of the Masonic Hotel, the freehold of which he later on purchased from Mr. E. P. Joyce.

Mr. Harding's racing career started when at Waipiro, for he was then a member of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, and has been ever since. One of the first horses he raced was the useful Penguin, by Dainty Ariel from a mare called Faith, who left good stock. Then came Rob Roy, by the Pacific horse Orlando; The Joint, a little grey; The Owl, by Traducer; Sam, the 'chaser; Worth, by Natator; Tauhei, the grey racing gem, one of the best the colony has seen; Mataroa, a good mare also, and En Hakkore, by Hotchkiss from Tasmania. This was one whose name was the subject of much disputation and argument, many believing it to be a Maori appellation, whereas the name was taken from the Book of Judges, and, according to information obtained from a Jewish Rabbi by the editor, only occurs once in the Bible. Mr. Harding was Master of the Poverty Bay Hounds for four years, and had some real good fencers, amongst the number being Bay Jim, Hurricane, Caitiff, and Wariti, the last-named an especial favourite. Mr. Harding also hunted Magpie one season. Maura, Te Rahui, and Hinemateroa are the last horses that have carried Mr. Harding's colours, but he has a number of young ones coming on. For some years Mr. Harding has been a steward of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, was Vice-President and Treasurer of the Gisborne Racing Club, and one of the first members; was Secretary to the Wairenga-a-Hika J.C. for

**Mr. A. W. BUDGE**
**A Well-known Taranaki Official.**

two or three years, the last meeting of that club being held at Makaraka. Mr. Harding has been, and is still, a member of the Gisborne Borough Council, to which he was first elected in 1888, and has been re-elected a member of the Gisborne Harbour Board for the second term, and was a member, and for some time Chairman, of the Kaiti Road Board until it merged into the Gisborne Borough Council. For many years he has been a member of the Charitable Aid Board, of which he is Treasurer, takes a keen interest in its management, and the Old Men's Home, and has provided their Christmas dinner for years past. He holds interests in two or three sheep stations in the Bays district, and is one of three on the East Coast Native Trust Board.

## MR. A. W. BUDGE.

Mr. Arthur William Budge was born in Marlborough, and educated there, and on leaving school joined the Bank of New Zealand, working in the Blenheim, Picton, Hokitika, Kaikoura, Wellington and Patea branches, and finally as manager at Manaia, Taranaki, shortly after the opening of the Waimate Plains. There he got to know the settlers, and in conjunction with Mr. McCutcheon started auctioneering, the firm of Budge and McCutcheon, afterwards Budge and Good, being established there, and a big stock agency business was soon in full swing, saleyards being erected at all the chief centres.

Mr. Budge acted as Secretary to the first Manaia Racing Club, and has been a member of the Egmont Racing Club for a quarter of a century, and Steward and Committeeman most of the time; also acted as Starter for the same Club, and for the Waverley-Waitotara and New Plymouth Jockey Clubs at different periods. Has been Judge at New Plymouth for some years, and is Vice-President of the Stratford Racing Club.

During his partnership with Mr. A. Good, the firm had several stud horses, amongst the number being the stout Australian thoroughbred Haere, who, however, did only moderately well at the stud. Mr. Budge himself has bred a few thoroughbreds, but none of them of special note. Bowsprit, a daughter of Vanguard, is one he has reserved for breeding purposes, and she is one of the descendants of the far-famed Spray, to whom traces back a very large family of racehorses; indeed, few colonial families have had more successful representatives. Mr. Budge visited England in the present year.

**Mr. JAMES RUSSELL**
**A Popular Aucklander.**

## MR. J. WILSON RUSSELL.

Mr. Russell, popularly known as "Jim," an Auckland citizen, was born near the racecourse, Alexandra Park, Epsom, in 1855, not a mile from his present private residence. After his early days at the Lyceum and High Schools, he held positions as traveller for J. Nimmo & Co., now Brown, Barrett & Co., and R. Whitson & Son, now Campbell & Ehrenfried, brewers, but was never once outside the boundaries of Auckland province until recently, when he went before the Licensing Commissioners at Wellington, and gave evidence on the question of tied houses, having been continuously for over seventeen years in the Occidental Hotel, the recognised sporting house of the city for a much longer period, the name of which recalls that of dashing Ned Perkins, a former host. Mr. Russell's father, known as Lord John, history relates, was owner of an imported mare, Kitty, who won lots of races in her time for the late Mr. Robert Graham. Mr. Russell bred Hotspur and Paganini from Kitty. Their sire, Chloroform, raced on the Wanganui coast. Paganini was a good horse, and was purchased by Mr. Stichbury, who resold to Mr. Henry Redwood. A love inherited for horses caused the subject of this sketch to become an owner, and he raced the jumpers Kingswood and Splinter, also Kissaline, and the Australian-bred Panoply. Purchased for 32 guineas, this cast-off of the Messrs. Nathan was lame when acquired, but in F. McManemin's hands proved profitable, winning £700 in stakes, and more than once furnished a surprise, the most notable occasion being when he was started on the "off chance" for the St. George's Handicap. Ridden by F. Davis, 5lbs. over, he beat Castashore a head, his stable companions Doris and Lady Marion, and others. Result, a £56 div., his owner participating. Mr. Russell has worked many commissions: Welcome Jack for the C.J.C. Handicap (now the N.Z. Cup), also for Auckland Cup, and Canard for the Summer Steeplechase, the late Mr. Pilbrow being the most successful backer. He is the oldest and the only survivor of five who held the first meeting which resulted in the formation of Auckland Tattersall's, on which he acted for some time as committeeman. He has been a steward of the Avondale Jockey Club for a long time, has owned about forty greyhounds, and won every good stake in Auckland, Rock, Stormfiend, White Star, Dora B., Shylock, Fiend, Maud B., and Rocket being the best. With the last-mentioned Mr. Russell won a quadruple at one meeting. Shylock, a rare greyhound, is now at the stud in America. The older members of Mr. Russell's family of nine are fond of sport, like their parent.

Mr. C. H. CHAVANNES

## MR. C. H. CHAVANNES.

If the editor were called upon to name the best all-round man of mark in the world of sport in New Zealand which it has been his fortune to form an acquaintance and friendship with during his lengthy experience, he would unhesitatingly say Charlie Chavannes, the popular Wanganuite, who was somewhat pertinently, and not altogether inappropriately, referred to by an Australian sporting writer on the occasion of one of his periodical visits to Sydney as "a good old New Zealand fern leaf." All the same, he is a gumsucker, for he claims Gisborne, near Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, as the place of his birth. He came to Wellington with his father as a lad, and went to school there before settling in Wanganui, where he has resided almost continuously for over thirty years. For some years he was in the booking office of Cobb and Co., in the coaching days between Wellington and Wanganui and Taranaki, and for some time managed a considerable part of that extensive business for the proprietary of which the late Mr. Andrew Young was at the head. During his connection therewith he took a hand on the road, being one of the first Jehus through the mountain road between Hawera and New Plymouth, and what a road it then was! Needless to say, he became an expert driver, and is recognised as one of the best long-team men in the colonies. After giving up the coaching business, he purchased the old Victoria Hotel, Wanganui, and converted it into one of the best houses on the coast, and became as popular with tourists and the travelling public as he was with the citizens. No need to say that he was successful. After about seventeen years of hotel life, he retired from business about four years ago.

At an early stage in life he showed a love for sport, and met with more than average success in any branch he tackled, and was hard to beat in most lines for an amateur. He rode a good race over obstacles and on the flat, and claims a good many wins in both departments, a number of bracelet races included. He has owned and bred a few useful horses, chiefly fencers, and has ridden and driven winners of trotting races, and has figured prominently in double team and tandem racing events unknown in New Zealand outside of Wanganui when the first New Zealand Trotting Club, of which he was an active member and worker, was established. In the field with dog and gun he has had his share of game, imported and native, some big bags at different times having been secured; and he has likewise done a fair amount of deer-stalking, some coursing, a turn at trout-fishing, and prior to, and even since, Northern waters became stocked with trout, kahawai fishing with rod and reel, good sport for the angler.

**MASTER CHARLIE CHAVANNES**
**His First Bag.**

As a pigeon shot he has gained a high colonial reputation, having won no end of prizes and trophies in both islands of New Zealand and in our sister colonies. At glass ball, clay pigeons, and gyro shooting he had few equals; at bowls also he secured first honours and accompanying trophies, while he has had some of the best game dogs south of the line, and may be said to be a fancier. His portrait, after a good day amongst the longtails, is taken with two of his favourite setters.

He was fairly smart as a pedestrian at one time, and at roller skating *au fait*. Before hares were turned out there, and before hounds were brought to Wanganui—and he was one of the first to assist in the introduction of hounds there—paper-chasing was the vogue, and many a good trail he helped to lay or chase he took part in.

For quite a number of years he acted as Clerk of the Course to the Wanganui Jockey Club, and portraits of a framed oil painting of the Clerk of the Course on his grey mare, presented to Mr. Chavannes by that kindly artist, Mr. George Sherriff, have adorned the walls of many of his friends since it was produced.

As an amateur cueist it is doubtful whether Mr. Chavannes had any equal in this colony, and his friends always regretted that he had so few opportunities of meeting first-class players in these parts, while the Australian champions Weiss and Memott, with each of whom he played exhibition games while on tour, both proclaimed him one in the first flight.

Since the death of the late Mr. Sam. Powell, who was a great success as a starter prior to the gate invention, Mr. Chavannes has been acting as starter for the Wanganui Jockey Club, and would have had the work of numerous clubs had he been prepared to undertake the positions when in business. Now, with more time, he has considerably extended his field, and acts for a number of clubs in different parts of the North Island, and takes a lot of pleasure in touring to the more conveniently situated of these on his motor car, which, with him, has quite superseded the horse. It is a not uncommon thing for him to leave home early in the morning and breakfast with friends forty or fifty miles away, a vast change from the old coaching days when he was one of the Ned Devines of the road. As Charlie goes in for new inventions, we may expect to see him with a flying machine ere long.

## CHARLIE CHAVANNES, Junr.

The portrait on the opposite page is that of C. Chavannes, junr., taken when he was ten years of age, with his first "bag" of game. At nine years old he had learned to shoot glass balls, and in the season following was given a chance in the field, with what results can be seen.

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**MR. DUNCAN CAMPION**
**Amateur Rider, Owner, Steward.**

## MR. DUNCAN CAMPION.

Mr. Campion was born in 1856 at Rangitikei. There he learned to ride from his infancy. Racing home from school, shepherding, and mustering on the then rough runs of Lower Rangitikei so perfected his horsemanship, that at a very early age he was voted second to no other in that part of the country as a rough rider. His father then had the Raumai Station, now owned by the Messrs. Keilier Bros. Early in the seventies he rode his first race on the Bulls racecourse. This was on Islesman, that gelding's first appearance also. The event was called a hurdle race. The so-called hurdles were white pine poles on forked posts, each four feet high, and solid. Islesman won. Mr. Campion was successful on Don Juan's son afterwards at Wanganui. Gazelle, a very clever timber-topper, was the next he educated. On that gelding he won hurdle races at Parawanui and Waverley, and won on Flint over country; was on St. Albans when that horse beat Tommy Dodd and others in the weight-for-age hurdle race at Wellington, and won in the Wairarapa on Straight Tip, afterwards known in Auckland as Greyhound. At the same meeting won the Ladies' Purse on Mr. Martin Baird's Bluejacket. Next won a hurdle race on the speedy Whitefoot at Napier, and later the weight-for-age hurdle race at Wanganui on Te Whecumarama, and on the same day the Wanganui Cup of 1878 on Resolution; also won at Turakina on Te Whehuimarama, who was sometimes ridden by his brother Alex. also with success. Won on Rangatira at Bulls over hurdles, and a maiden steeplechase on The Arrow at old Aramoho, Wanganui. The previous year Mr. Campion, on Islesman, got into the water jump there, probably the most difficult one ever known in the history of steeplechasing in New Zealand. He rode Topaz, afterwards known as Barbara, over the same course, when she jumped 33ft. 6in. over one of the obstacles; won several races on Hailstorm, brother to Resolution, at Wanganui and Patea. On one occasion he rode Whitefoot in a welter weight-for-age race, and, failing to get a lead bag, went out with two horse-rugs strapped in front of his saddle, and one behind, and 7lb. of lead in one boot—and won. Mr. Campion maintains that this was the best horse he ever rode over hurdles, and Laurel, dam of Advance, whom he bestrode in a few of her engagements, the best on the flat. This mare, whom he trained from the time she was three years old, won twenty races. Mr. Campion also trained, amongst others, British Lion and Armourer. When he first made his debut in race-riding he was lieutenant in the first cadet corps in the North Island, and for his services received scrip.

**MR. M. FOLEY**
**Chairman of the Avondale Jockey Club.**

Some long-distance rides will be found recorded in these pages. Mr. Campion, in order to carry out an engagement, put up one of the best performances. A belated letter reached him on the morning preceding the Patea meeting, where his services were requested. He left Carnarvon at mid-day, and rode to Mr. A. Higgie's, Blink Bonny, on the No. 2 line, and got a change of horses. After stopping two hours in Wanganui, went on, arriving at Patea at six o'clock next morning, having ridden quite 86 miles. He won the Patea Cup on Hailstorm, got beaten in another race on him, saw the racing out that day, and rode back to Wanganui, reaching there at ten o'clock at night; changed horses again, and reached Carnarvon at three o'clock the following morning, having ridden over 170 miles, actual travelling time being under 27 hours.

Mr. Campion was starter, handicapper, and clerk of the scales in turn at the Rangitikei R.C. Meetings for seven or eight years. Was made a life member of that club a short time ago, and is now a steward and committeeman of the Wanganui Jockey Club, and represented that club last year at the Racing Conference.

## MR. M. FOLEY.

Mr. Michael Foley was born in Auckland, and early took an interest in athletics, foot-racing, football, and cricket, and went to reside in Wellington for a number of years, where he pursued his inclinations for sport. There he represented Wellington against Shaw's English Cricket Team, played in representative football matches for Wellington, and won a 220 yards handicap from the scratch mark, which he left with Mr. C. E. Major, who finished second. At tennis he was a recognised champion, and while residing in Wanganui helped to revive cricket there.

Mr. Foley first started racing at Patea with a gelding called Orange Lightning, a fast fencer and big jumper. He was the originator of the Opunake Racing Club, and collected subscriptions, surveyed and ploughed the course at Opoua, and collected money to race for, and on leaving Opunake the settlers made him a presentation. While at Wanganui he owned a speedy horse called Cyclone, by Somnus from Zephyr, and had Matarawa, by Mufti, and one or two others.

On returning to Auckland Mr. Foley started the Avondale Jockey Club, and has been Chairman of Committee ever since, and the success of that club has been in no small measure due to the interest he has taken and the work he has done for it, but he always gives his co-workers credit for willing assistance. Mr. Foley was a steward of the Auckland Racing Club in 1902-3.

**Mr. DONALD FRASER**
**Breeder and Owner of Advance.**

## MR. DONALD FRASER.

Mr. Donald Fraser, of Pukehoe, Rangitikei, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, and to whose career the editor has now to refer, was born in Coron, Argyle, on Loch Linne, Scotland, on February 1st, 1835, and left with his parents about the middle of August, 1840, landing in Wellington, New Zealand, on December 28th of that year. There he resided until 1852, when he went to Rangitikei, and, with the exception of a short time spent on the diggings in Victoria, and in Otago, he has lived there ever since, and has occupied Pukehoe, the property purchased by his father in the year 1851.

Mr. Fraser's earliest recollections of racing date back to the first meetings held on Petone Beach and on Te Aro Flat, Wellington. He was not quite eight years old when racing began. The course on Te Aro Flat extended round by the Basin Reserve, the Prison, and Mount Cook, and was a rough one, two creeks having to be crossed. A temporary grandstand was fixed up just about where Te Aro House now stands. There were quite a number of racing men even then, most of whom Mr. Fraser remembers, as he does the horses that were in commission, and their riders.

Shortly after the arrival of Mr. Fraser and his parents, Mr. Thompson, Resident Magistrate at Nelson, imported Figaro, the first thoroughbred horse to reach Wellington, and with him an unnamed thoroughbred mare by Emilius, who produced Il Barbiere in the year 1842. Figaro raced at the first meeting held on the Petone Beach in October, 1842, in the ownership of Mr. Watt, against Mr. Molesworth's Calmuc Tartar, Mr. Hunter's Temperance, remembered by Mr. Fraser as a short-tailed, thick-set, Sydney importation, whom Mr. Johnny Wade, an auctioneer, usually rode, and who won several hurdle races, being one of the field to which reference is made in the biography of Mr. Geo. Hunter on page 53.

In the year 1843 the Hon. H. Petre imported to Wellington the first two thoroughbred sires that had come from England. They were Æther, by St. Patrick from Pastille, and Riddlesworth, by Emilius from Bee-in-a-Bonnet. Æther was considered much the better horse of the two, a good deal too valuable to remain in obscurity, so to speak, in a young country like New Zealand, so was sent to Sydney, where he proved successful for some years. He was brought back to New Zealand a long time afterwards, Auckland being his headquarters for a season or two before he died in 1859. Riddlesworth was kept in Wellington, and, as Æther was out of the way, he in consequence was largely patronised, and remained there until 1857, afterwards being sent to Nelson, where he died early in the year 1861 at the advanced age of 27 years. He was nine years old when imported. Riddles-

worth was the best horse that could have been left us, a worthy son of Emilius, probably the best horse of his time in England, a great performer and progenitor. It was said that Riddlesworth and Figaro ran a match on the beach at Petone, but this the editor is assured is incorrect by one who was always handy to Riddlesworth's quarters, and saw most of the stud matrons that were sent or taken to the Hutt to be mated with him. These, he says, were mostly good, sound sorts of the blood and hackney order, some from New South Wales studs, some from the Cape of Good Hope and Valparaiso, a few of which were very light.

In the early forties Mr. Henry St. Hill was the Resident Magistrate, and one of the more prominent of the racing men, if not really the leading owner in Wellington, and he had a number of horses and several riders, his principal horseman being Johnny Macintosh. Amongst others racing were the Doctors Dorset, Featherston, and Fitzgerald, Colonel Wakefield, Captain Buckley, Mr. Bannister, Mr. Virtue, Mr. Revan, and Mr. Bobby Jenkins, who built and kept the New Zealander Hotel. The leading gentlemen riders were the Hon. Petre, Messrs. Duppa (who had 11 Barbiere), Joseph Rhodes, Ashton St. Hill, and Bromley, known as "Gentleman" Bromley. Amongst the other horsemen were Harry Winteringham, William Rowat, Joe Grimaldi, Johnny Macintosh, Bobby Cameron, and Jimmy Nichol.

As the weights carried in most of the races were much heavier than now—nearly all welter weights—there were a good many gentlemen riders in those days, and several of them rode their own horses. The races were usually run in heats of from one mile to two miles, and it required stayers to win them. Hack races were known even at that period, and the hack definition was quite different to what holds good to-day. Only horses that had not been fed on oats were eligible. In all the races there was an allowance made for horses that were not thoroughbred, or considered so by those in authority, the allowance being only 3lbs., which, it is needless to say, was often claimed. Amongst other horses racing were Dr. Dorset's black gelding Phormium Tenax, Dr. Featherston's chestnut mare Nominee, Jenkins' Daylight, St. Hill's Aboriginal—Arapatene the natives called him. Mr. St. Hill also had Reubens, and Captain Gordon, of the 56th Regiment, afterwards owned that horse, and ran a match at Burnham Waters against a grey horse called Pirate, owned by Mr. Lyell, a confectioner, H. Winteringham having the mount on Reubens. This was in 1849 or 1850, and the distance was three miles. The event excited a lot of interest, and there was heavy betting over it, and it was said that the Captain had his commission on it. Luck favoured him, as Reubens won, though he slipped at the turn and dislodged his rider.

Bobby Jenkins, who was a Tasmanian, had for his trainer and rider Joe Grimaldi, son of the famous circus clown of that name,

whom old-time settlers remember as one who did the grinning through a horse collar. It transpired that Bobby Jenkins had a visit from the police, and had to go before Magistrate St. Hill to answer some charge in connection with the management of his hotel. The magistrate, in emphatic language, gave Jenkins to understand that he did not consider him a model landlord. Smarting under the castigation he had received, and believing that Mr. St. Hill had gone out of his way to rake up historical facts, Mr. Jenkins declared that he would get even with Mr. St. Hill, and as he had no horses good enough to compete successfully with those of that owner, he decided upon getting one that could. Accordingly he sent to Mr. T. Icely, of Cooming, New South Wales, about 1846, from whom Figaro had been obtained, for something extra good, and in due course a number of mares came over in a cattle ship, and one, finer than all the rest, a long, low-set bay, found her way, together with others, into the hands of Joe Grimaldi. The mare was an attractive-looking one, about four or five years old, and had every appearance of being thoroughbred. She was sent to be shod at the blacksmith's shop owned by Mr. Fraser, senr., in which Alick Dew, a Tasmanian, between whom and Jenkins there was friendship, was head shoer.

Much interest was taken in the newcomer on account of her good looks, and numerous were the inquiries about her. When people asked her name, all they could get in reply from Grimaldi was, "What's that to you?" The curious ones were not permitted to live long in ignorance, for soon she raced, and though she got her hip injured, Mr. Bobby Jenkins' bay mare "What's That to You" beat Magistrate Henry St. Hill's Camilla, a beautiful-looking filly, also a New South Wales importation, and other horses, the first time they met, and gave her owner cause to rejoice, for he had thus had his revenge. Joe Grimaldi rode for Jenkins, and Jimmy McNichol, brother-in-law of Mr. John Cudby, of the Lower Hutt, who came out with Riddlesworth, and from whom the editor received confirmation of these particulars, and other information of value, rode Mr. St. Hill's filly.

On occasions Mr. Fraser, who was then only too pleased to get a ride, used to exercise Jenkins' mare for Grimaldi up and down a strip of beach about half-a-mile long, where the promenade of reclaimed land approaching the railway station is. She won several events, and when sent on a visit to the Hon. H. Petre's Riddlesworth at the Hutt, together with eight or nine other mares belonging to Mr. Jenkins, produced a filly about the year 1848 which was named Sharkie, after a native woman of some distinction who was so called, and who resided near the Hutt. Whether she produced anything else is not known for certain, but several families are supposed to trace back to the same mare. With Sharkie we have something definite to go upon. The Riddlesworths were mostly plain-headed horses, a characteristic

traceable to-day in racehorses possessing the blood; but all Sharkie's progeny showed quality, Myrtle, by Nutwith, and Laurel, by Peter Flat, being particularly blood-like, Bayleaf, full sister to the last named, being a mare of greater substance. Young Sharkie was the plainest. Major Trafford, who had a property at Rangitikei, bought Sharkie, and bred from her, and she later on became the property of Dr. Mussen. Young Sharkie, by Alma, and Golden Drop, by Glaucus, were bred from her while Major Trafford owned her. Young Sharkie is maternal ancestress of Waitiri. Golden Drop left Rose d'Amour, dam of Rosefeldt; Myrtle left Maid of the Mountain, dam of Dummy; Laurel left the great Fishhook; Bayleaf left, amongst others, Redeemer, and, after being purchased by Mr. Fraser, Laurel, by Young Gownsman, who in turn has bred, amongst others, Advance, one of the greatest racehorses ever known in this or any other country, and a good mare in Lorelei, by Cruiser. From Bayleaf Mr. Fraser also bred a very brilliant horse which, having Grimaldi in mind, he called The Clown. Laurel, dam of Advance, won twenty races altogether, including two big handicaps, after she had bred Daphne, her first foal. She won three first and three champion prizes as a thoroughbred mare, and died during the summer of 1904, at the age of 25 years.

Racing was started in Wanganui a few years after Wellington, and by that time the natives had got a lot of good horses that had been brought over from New South Wales and other parts, and, though no records were kept, they had every appearance, or many of them had, of being thoroughbred. The late Major Kemp, who was probably the first native to ride in races in the colony, used to own and ride a good sort, which he called Ruaka, and with him he won a number of hurdle races. The natives all along the coast, from Wellington to Wanganui and beyond, had fine stamps of horses, bred from mares that were brought from New South Wales in cattle ships. Back to these sources can be traced horses racing to-day. It was the custom for a number of natives belonging to a family to buy or trade for a mare, and the one who had the greatest interest would take the first foal, and so on. Even to-day we hear of an odd thoroughbred or two being owned by a hapu.

Mr. Fraser used to do some long rides at different times before the days of trains, and on several occasions rode from Wellington to his home at Pukehoe by the old beach road from Paikakariki in from fifteen to sixteen hours, the distance being about 100 miles. He had a favourite horse by Peter Flat called Cracker, with four white legs, a wonderful journey horse with easy paces. The old saying, "One buy, two try, three doubt, and four go without," did not apply to Cracker, who, on one occasion, brought his owner from Hawera to Pukehoe, 96 miles, the journey being accomplished between 4.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A case of longevity and potency in horseflesh is related by Mr.

Fraser, who had a cream pony who carried a heavy Maori through from the Waikato, and who was probably a descendant of an old missionary importation, of which there are some still about Auckland. This mare had many foals, one of them at 34 years of age, at Pukehoe, where she has been known to the settlers for thirty years. Another remarkable experience that Mr. Fraser relates is of a half-draught filly which had two foals before she was three years old, the second one before she was quite 36 months old, and both turned out good. One of them did ploughing work, and produced seven or eight foals to draught horses.

In the forties there was a well-known horse called Bushman, owned by one Walker, a builder, whom the boys used to call "Hookey" Walker. "Boxer" Cooper, a young lad, but a good horseman, rode Bushman in most of his races. Another horse Mr. Fraser remembers well was a grey stallion called Mazeppa. He was ridden in most of his races by James Macmanemin, better known as "Terewiti Jack." Whitefoot, a son of Peter Flat, who was bred by Mr. McLeod, of Wanganui, was owned and raced by Mr. Fraser, and was a good horse on the flat and over hurdles. He also owned the clever fencer Gazelle, by Fifeshire, and a useful half-brother in New Chum, by Traducer.

Mr. Fraser has bred and owned many good ones. The first he raced was Fifeshire, a horse by Riddlesworth, bred by Mr. Peter Laing, of Wellington. Fifeshire ran for him in Wanganui in 1864, and consequently Mr. Fraser has been a racehorse owner for over forty years, as well as a breeder. The sires he has owned, in addition to patronising the best horses that were at the service of breeders in the districts of Wanganui and Rangitikei, were Fifeshire, Don Juan, St. Albans, Armourer, Barbarian, Gun Cotton, Uncas, Addington, Advance, and a few others he leased. Amongst the mares Mr. Fraser owned, in addition to Bayleaf and her daughters Laurel and Brown Leaf, and granddaughters Daphne, Lorelei, Laurestina, and Glory, were Reserve, by Traducer, dam of Oaklands; Flora McDonald, by Traducer, dam of Donald, Titokowaru, and Plain Bill; Matilda, by Traducer, dam of Evelyn the 'chaser, and grand-dam of Otairi the hurdler. Flora McDonald was purchased from Mr. W. Handley. Then he had also Speculation, first known as Hippodamia, by Hippocampus, who produced several good horses, including Ngatuere. Speculation produced Brown Spec to Dreadnought, who has left Ballarat.

Mr. Fraser rode Phormium Tenax at Wellington, Foxton, and Rangitikei in the early days. About the last horse he rode in a race was the grey Clymenus, in the Ladies' Purse at Rangitikei. He used to travel long distances to attend the paper chases in the early seventies. While riding M.P.C., a rattling fencer, he got a heavy fall in one of these events, at Mr. J. Morgan's, Newton Lees, Wanganui. Mr. Fraser is President of the Rangitikei Racing Club.

**Mr. ROBERT STEVENS**
**A Well-known Manawatu Stock Agent.**

## MR. ROBERT STEVENS.

Mr. Robert Stevens was born in Wellington, and when quite a lad went to the Rangitikei district to live. There he took to riding on occasions at the district and adjacent district meetings, which were annual ones, and not nearly so numerous as they are in these modern times. They were none the less enjoyable, and young folk of the time doubtlessly found those old-time meetings go with plenty of zest. It was on the present Rangitikei racecourse, near Bulls, that young Robert got his first experience of racing, and had his first ride in public. This was in a scurry race, in which there were some sixteen or more starters, and he managed to get second in the event to Weka, who was a useful horse about that time. On Rata, a three-year-old, he beat Jack in a two-mile hurdle race at Foxton, which was run in heats, and won the first and third heats, thus running six miles during the afternoon. The so-called hurdles were titoki poles fastened to solid posts let well into the ground, and they never shifted. Typhoon, by Nutwith, was another he rode, and at Turakina, on Mistake, beat Policy, maternal ancestress of Ahua, a Grand National winner, and perhaps the best all-round horse of his inches New Zealand has seen. Mr. Stevens owned and rode in some of their races Islesman, Gazelle, Arrow, Straight Tip (afterwards known as Greyhound). He had an interest in that good mare Uira when she was racing in hack events, and for a time previously, when she was reported to have carried the butcher's basket in Wellington for the firm of Crosbie & Stevens, in which he was a partner. Uira was got by Traducer, and was the dam, amongst others, of that good mare Waitiri, who won so many races and ran so many seconds in cup events to that sterling horse Nelson, afterwards producing a number of useful horses herself. Mr. Stevens also had winning rides on Shamrock, a useful horse, and Lochinvar, one of the most brilliant horses of his time. He rode Whitefoot and Isleman to victory one afternoon, Whitefoot at 8st., and Isleman at 12st. 4lb., carrying a lot of lead to make up the weight on the last-named. Mr. Stevens introduced many useful stud horses into the Manawatu district from time to time.

Mr. Stevens filled positions as Steward on the Rangitikei, Foxton, and Otaki Clubs for several years, and handicapped for the Otaki Club one year, and has been timekeeper to the Manawatu Racing Club for a lengthy period since settling near Palmerston North. Mr. Stevens is an excellent judge of stock, and for over a quarter of a century has been one of the leading buyers of fat cattle and sheep in the North Island, taking large drafts from the Manawatu districts and parts of Hawke's Bay for the Wellington market and export. He is a brother to Mr. John Stevens, ex-M.H.R.

**Mr. JAMES MACARA**
**A Wairarapa Owner and Breeder.**

## MR. JAMES MACARA.

Mr. James Macara, who is, and has been for many years past, a resident near Masterton, in the Wairarapa, and who has taken a prominent position in sporting matters, was born in Wicklow, Ireland, of Scotch parents hailing from Edinburgh and Perth, and with whom he came to Auckland in 1866, thereafter going to Wellington, where he entered the service of Mr. Charlie Fawns, a veterinary surgeon, and took to driving a 'bus from Wellington to the Hutt, and then for Mr. Hastwell, with whom he later on went into partnership in the coaches running between Wellington and the Wairarapa, over the Rimutaka, on the one side, between Wellington and Foxton, over the Paikakariki, on the other, and between Masterton and Palmerston North, and Palmerston North and Waipukurau, to which parts of the island the business extended. On Mr. Hastwell's death, Mr. Macara bought out the partnership, and sold the various sections as railway extensions got put through the several districts, and has been farming ever since, and breeding and racing a few horses.

Treasurer, by Premier, Rollo and Minnie Palmer, by Danebury, all from a favourite mare in Sweetheart, won him lots of races, included in the list being the Wairarapa Cup, which Rollo won by eight or nine lengths, beating Waitiri soon after that filly ran second to Nelson in the Auckland Cup and A.R.C. Handicap, and just before she again ran second in the Wellington Cup. Minnie Palmer's wins include the Champagne Stakes at Masterton. Brookfield, by Danebury from a daughter of Sweetheart, also won many events. Frolic, out of Romp, and Romp herself, were winners. Margrave also won, but met with an accident. Canet, by Remington from Minnie Palmer, won the Wairarapa Guineas and other races; and Plaidie, by Quilt, is probably one of the best Mr. Macara has owned, as she has won many races, including the Wairarapa Cup. Greensleeves is another recent winner. About eleven years ago Mr. Macara went to Sydney, and purchased War Note, by Lochiel, and Russley Belle, by Lochiel, both useful mares on the turf, and now included in his stud.

Mr. Macara has been for some time President of the Masterton Racing Club, and has been connected with all the Wairarapa clubs for years.

**Mr. ALEX. HIGGIE**
**A Wanganui Racing Man.**

# MR. ALEX. HIGGIE.

Who are there amongst regular visitors to the Wanganui district, and particularly to Wanganui race meetings, who do not know, or who have not heard of, Alick Higgie? Few, I trow. The name of Higgie is indeed writ large on historical racing pages in Wanganui and Rangitikei, for the Higgie brothers, Alick especially, Tom, Dave, Bob, and Jim, and their late brother John, who was for years Clerk of the Course and a slashing horseman, as, indeed, they all were, have all assisted more or less in the promotion of the sport in the district, and the younger generation are taking a keen interest as well. Some readers will remember, as the writer does, as many as three of the brothers riding in a race, and finishing first, second and third, and each one, at least of five of the six, have had winning achievements either on the flat or over fences, and Robert and James have filled official positions on the Wanganui and district clubs. The subject of this sketch, Alick, has filled many. He has been Clerk of the Course, Steward, Committeeman, Judge, Starter, and Handicapper for several district clubs, and has bred and owned and sold and raced some useful ones in his time, which his portrait, recently taken, will satisfy readers who do not know him has not been of brief space. Mr. Higgie was born in Wellington in July, 1845, and went to Wanganui in 1848 with his parents, the year of the first race-meeting held there.

"Blink Bonny," the home of his parents, is his home and that of his family to-day. "Blink Bonny" recalls many old associations. It is one of the old landmarks, one of the best-known properties on the No. 2 line, situated a few miles from the town of Wanganui. There no end of good horses were either foaled or educated to race and jump, and the Riddlesworth blood was what the Higgies always prized most, and Alick had a strong liking for the gets of Bugler. Mr. Higgie used to tell with great fondness of the class of mares from which the good horses of Wanganui were descended, and dwelt specially on his recollection of a shipment of Valparaiso mares, many of which were bought up by those well-remembered chieftains, Mawai and Hori Kingi, as well as the settlers. They were mostly short-tailed, low-set, with plenty of quality and good bone, and back to these sources trace some of the best jumping horses of present times. Mention can here be made of some of the horses which had their origin, or were partly developed, at "Blink Bonny." Agamemnon, Silver Cloud, Bully for You, Rebel Chief, M.P.C., Rose d'Amour (dam of Pasha), Rumour, Honeysuckle, Rosefeldt, Swivelline (dam of Swivel and Link), Ouida (grand-daughter of Sharkie), Corisande (dam of Aquatic and Forager), Gladiola, King Don,

**Mr. G. W. S. PATTERSON**
**An Auckland Steward and Committeeman.**

Orlando, Promotion, Oddfellow, Myrtle, Annie Darling, Clarice, Gladstone, Possum, Messenger, Alaric, The Monk, Rara Avis, Pat of the Hills, Chandos, Loch Lomond, Notice of Motion, Aleria, Acolyte, Bugler, and many more could be mentioned; but in recent years Mr. Higgie has bred but few, and only a few of note, Aquatic and Forager being about the best.

Mr. Higgie has been a member of the Wanganui Harbour Board and County Council for a considerable time, and for years a member of district Road Boards.

## MR. G. W. S. PATTERSON.

Mr. G. W. S. Patterson, who is one of the best-known of Auckland gum merchants, and a prominent figure in the racing world, came to New Zealand in 1879 from Roscommon, in Ireland, where he was born and educated. His father was fond of sport, more particularly shooting, and the Roscommon Stag Hounds gave both father and son many an enjoyable run.

Soon after coming to New Zealand, Mr. Patterson went to the Bay of Islands and assisted in the business of the late Mr. L. C. Goffe, who owned and raced horses for many years in that part of the colony, where, the editor has reason to believe, the first horse race took place in New Zealand, since he has an account of such an event having been run there in 1835, when the first settlers arrived.

After between four and five years in Mr. Goffe's employ, Mr. Patterson became a partner with him, and for some years acted as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer to the Bay of Islands Jockey Club, and has taken an interest in racing from the time he arrived in New Zealand. For some seven years past he has been a Steward of the Auckland Racing Club, and for about four years one of the Committee of that institution.

Amongst the horses Mr. Patterson raced may be mentioned Lochinvar, Marquis, Chester, Belmont, and Bonovoree, and others of lesser note, which carried his colours on Northern Auckland racecourses.

**Mr. THOMAS MORRIN**
**A Leading New Zealand Studmaster.**

# MR. THOMAS MORRIN.

Auckland has had many leading men with business enterprise and go who have helped to place her in a high position amongst the cities of the colonies. None of her public men have done more to advertise the beautiful capital of the North than Mr. T. Morrin, who, up to a recent date, was best known in the racing world as the Wellington Park Studmaster. When quite a young man he came to New Zealand and settled in Auckland, and with his brother Sam founded the large hardware business of T. and S. Morrin. He had seen Auckland grow from a small town to a large city, had been witness to the vast development of her gold and coal fields, and the improvement of her broad acres, and had been associated in most of the large enterprises that had been instituted within the province. In the industrial, mining, agricultural, pastoral, and social life, no other dweller had taken a more active part, and up to a recent date we still found him working away and assisting in the management of institutions he helped to build up. Those to which special reference can be made are the Auckland Racing Club, second to no other in the colony, and, as a matter of fact, about the most wealthy and flourishing in the whole of New Zealand. Mr. Morrin was Chairman of Committee for many years, and a member of the Auckland Racing Club, and the whole time an active worker from the date of its formation until the autumn of 1905.

If the Auckland Racing Club has held a foremost position amongst our racing institutions, what stud has gained greater fame than that of Wellington Park, which was formed into a company only during the spring of 1903 by its founder, taking over the sires, mares and foals previously Mr. Morrin's property, and leasing the Park as a going concern? The history of the Wellington Park Stud cannot be dealt with fully in the space at command, but from this famous thoroughbred depot and nursery some of the greatest racehorses and sires and stud matrons known in the Australasian racing world, at Home, and in places elsewhere, have emerged. Long will Wellington Park live in stud and racecourse history, for during the twenty odd years of the existence of the stud the records go to show that in round numbers £235,000 was won up to the end of December, 1904, and a good deal since, by sons and daughters, nearly all sold as yearlings, and mostly from mares on the estate. The first matrons of the stud were Maid of Athol, Pungawerewere, and Frailty. Maid of Athol produced good horses in Krupp, Soudan, Cannon, and Scots Grey to Musket, and a number of useful horses to other sires; Pungawerewere left Tetford, West Australian (who had his name changed to Krupp), Brigadier, Tranter, all to Musket,

St. James to Leolinus, Crackshot to Nordenfeldt, Osculator to Hotchkiss, and others. Frailty, one of the finest of stud gems, was a lucky purchase, and she gave us Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Cissy, Mary, Zalinski, Mousquetaire, Havoc, Astronomer, Lancaster, and Siege Gun.

Ouida, Vivandiere, Aida, and Yattacy were the next additions to the stud. Ouida was purchased by the late Mr. T. Elliott on behalf of Mr. Mathews, of Waitara, at Mr. Andrew Town's sale in New South Wales, who subsequently sold a half share, and finally all his interest, to Mr. Morrin. Her progeny were Artillery, Balista, Hilda, Hazel, Strathmore, Brown Alice, Novelette, all winners, and some of them high class. Hilda has produced Antares and Fulmen, and, amongst others, Maude, dam of Mahutonga and Veneer. Vivandiere, who, like Maid of Athol, was a grey, proved one of the most prolific of the stud, producing Son of a Gun, Victress, The Dancer, Vivat, Gallant, Three Star, Canteen, Tauhei, Bacchus, Grey Seaton, Heavenly Twin, Dayntree, Aminta, Vivandel, all of which have raced, and a filly and a colt of promise by Phoebus Apollo. Aida produced, amongst others, Impulse and Uhlan. Yattacy produced nothing of note, and was sold; but Yattaway, her daughter, bred the crack 'chaser The Guard, and Yattaghan, another daughter, has produced Paritutu.

Mr. Morrin continued to add mares to his stud. Albatross, another from Mr. Town's stud, bred Gannet (dam of Brigand), Teksum (a good horse), Lochness, Merganser (one of the crack mares of the colony), Elswick, and others. Formo bred Formé (dam of Cruciform, Formosan and Sans Peur), Forma (dam of Knight Errant), and she also left the champion Multiform, and his good brother Uniform and useful sister Formula, besides Tres Belle (dam of Beau Seaton) and the 1,200 guineas colt Monoform. Then there was Rose of Wellington, dam of the cracks True Blue, Screw Gun (afterwards known as Seringapatam), and Royal Artillery; Necklace, dam of Swordbelt, Miss Letty, Collarette, Cravat, Armilla, Coronet, and Jewellery; Bangle (Necklace's full sister) left Casket, Orion's Belt, Golden Rose, and a lot of other winners. Amongst others bred at Wellington Park of which special mention can also be made are Stepniak, Machine Gun, Battleaxe, Hermosa, Field Battery, Nobility, Kelburn, Scotty, Royal Fusileer, Sant Ilario, Day Star, Altair, Helen Faucet, Lancaster, Siege Gun, San Patricia, Solution, and Starshoot.

Amongst sires used for mares on the estate, Musket, Nordenfeldt, St. Leger, Cuirassier, Castor, Hotchkiss, Seaton Delaval, Phoebus Apollo, Menschikoff, and Bluejacket are the chief.

Mr. T. Morrin and his brother Sam, who died in 1886, the late Mr. James McCosh Clark, Major Walmsley, who died in Adelaide, when returning from Calcutta after taking a shipment of New Zealand horses to India for the Company, the Hon. E.

Mitchelson, Messrs. James Buckland (now in London), Pierce Lanigan, and Joe Bennett, were the original shareholders in the Glen Orchard Stud, of which Major Walmsley was manager and Mr. T. Morrin managing director. The Major was despatched to the Waikato with 1,750 sovereigns soon after the formation to pay for a number of mares and the life lease of the famous Musket, who was being used for half-bred mares on the Auckland Agricultural Company's property at Fencourt, near Cambridge, and was not really imported with a view to getting racing stock. The New Zealand Stud and Pedigree Stock Company was then formed, taking over the stud at Glen Orchard, and took up land in the Waikato, the Glen Orchard property being sold to the Auckland Tramway Company. Major Walmsley and Mr. Morrin meanwhile arranged the lease of land which became known as Sylvia Park, a portion of which was soon afterwards purchased by the Company. Mr. Morrin kept his own then small stud intact, and continued as managing director of the Sylvia Park Stud, which soon assumed large proportions, mares being purchased from various owners in different parts of the colony, who had bred or imported them, and, in addition, twenty others, fifteen of which were imported by Mr. G. G. Stead to Canterbury, were secured, and a few were also purchased by Sir Hercules Robinson in England for the Company. It was the beautiful Sylvia, after whom the Park was named, that gave the stud its first big advertisement. She was one of the mares purchased by the first Company and mated with Musket. She produced in her sixteenth year her eleventh foal, Martini-Henry, who was sold privately to the Hon. Jas. White, for whom he won the V.R.C. Derby and Melbourne Cup double at three years old, and set more than half Auckland in a frenzy of delight. The fact that sire and dam were in an Auckland stud, and that the colt had put up record time performances in both events, was something indeed to talk about, and was considered cause for jubilations. There were few hotels in the city, or clubs, at which champagne was not in evidence after the news of each victory came to hand.

**[Reference will be found on later pages to the stud horse Musket and his progeny.]**

**THE LATE MR. L. D. NATHAN**
**Breeder, Owner, Sportsman.**

# MR. L. D. NATHAN.

The late Mr. Lawrence Nathan, whose death took place early in the present year, was born in Auckland in the year 1847, and educated in England. His father, the late Mr. David Nathan, was the founder of the Jewish Synagogue in Auckland. Mr. Nathan took a great deal of interest in the affairs of the Auckland Racing Club, of which he was one of the Executive, and on occasions President, a position he filled with credit. At a time when there was a crisis in the position of the A.R.C., Mr. Nathan was one who came forward and rendered financial assistance, from which period the A.R.C. has never looked back.

The first racehorse that Mr. L. D. Nathan was interested in was the Musket—Maid of Athol colt Krupp, who had been purchased from Mr. Adams by the late Mr. Alfred Isaacs, racing as "Mr. A. C. Harris," for £500 and a contingency of £150 out of the first win. Mr. Isaacs, on forming the syndicate, of which Mr. Nathan was one, paid Mr. Adams £125, so sure was he that the colt, who was about to be shipped to Canterbury, would win there. Krupp died on the steamer on his way South. A little later on Mr. Nathan made one of the syndicate of Mitchelson, Jagger and Nathan, which, as already stated in the biography of the Hon. E. Mitchelson on an early page, raced under the name of "Mr. C. Beresford." The first horse Mr. Nathan raced on his own account, and in his own name, was the brown mare La Dauphine, in 1888; but on the breaking up of the syndicate of which he was one he purchased Leopold, Escutcheon and Fabulous, and started a racing stable, placing the late Jas. Kean in charge. When that trainer went to Australia the horses were handed over to Geo. Wright, who had been training Leolantis for Mr. Lynch, from whom that colt was purchased as a two-year-old. St. Hippo, probably as good a three-year-old as was ever saddled in the colonies, was shortly afterwards got in an exchange for Mahaki, then a yearling purchased for 210 guineas. Mahaki became the property of Wi Peri, of Gisborne, and also turned out a good horse. With Leolantis the Auckland Guineas was won; with St. Hippo, the Northern Champagne Stakes, Hawke's Bay Guineas, New Zealand Cup (3min. 30½sec.), Auckland Cup (3min. 30½sec., a record three-year-old performance, with 8st. 9lb. up), Great Northern Derby, Auckland Racing Club Handicap (at 6yrs., with 9st. 9lb), and other races. An unsuccessful trip to Australia was made with St. Hippo, who went wrong during his four-year-old career. From time to time additions were made to the team, and amongst those racing in Mr. Nathan's name were that good horse Explosion, who won the Auckland Guineas and several big handicap events; the speedy Three Star, winner of the Great

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Northern Foal Stakes; the useful Beddington, winner of the Northern Champagne Stakes, Auckland Guineas, N.Z. St. Leger, and many handicap events; the Cuirassier filly Miss Emmy, winner of the Northern Champagne Stakes; the brilliant Rosella, winner of the Hawke's Bay Stakes, Auckland Easter Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, and numerous handicap events; Miss Rose, Northumberland, Laetitia, Hastings, Grey Seaton, Lavalette, and other winners. Some of these horses raced in the joint names of Messrs. L. D. and N. A. Nathan for a year or two before it was decided to relinquish the turf, but it is generally understood that Mr. Alfred Nathan had a share in the racing stable, as well as in the Whitford Park and Sylvia Park studs the whole time.

The Whitford Park Stud was commenced with the purchase of Mr. McPherson's Australian-bred mares Bragelia, Brasolis, Inisthona, and Agandecca, and Lady St. Clair, by Day Dawn from a Glaucus mare. The last-named was not a Stud Book mare, but the Turf Register tells of the doings of the progeny of Duchess, her daughter by Musket, and, with the exception of Agandecca, the other mares left winners and winner-producers. The brothers Nathan purchased at the break-up of the Sylvia Park Stud Sybil and Roie, and the sire St. Leger, a half interest in which they sold to Mr. T. Morrin. Finding their stud growing, they leased a portion of Sylvia Park. In 1890 they held their first sale after Mr. Morrin's yearlings had been sold. They bred many good ones, and imported mares from Australia and England, as well as the sires Seaton Delaval and San Francisco, the stud being carried on until December 31st, 1903, when it was dispersed by auction, the proprietors becoming tired of their hobby.

## MR. N. A. NATHAN.

Mr. N. A. Nathan, surviving brother to the late Mr. L. D. Nathan, was born in Auckland in 1850, and educated in England. Though a partner in the racing and breeding studs referred to in the preceding pages, Mr. Alfred Nathan never took quite so much interest in the racing branch as did his brother Lawrence. He was a regular visitor, however, at the leading meetings at which their horses ran, and at short intervals visited the stables and studs where their horses were located. During the whole time Messrs. L. D. and N. A. Nathan were racing their horses were trained by Geo. Wright, a pupil of the late Bob Reay, of Canterbury. During part of the time Wright had some good horses in his charge belonging to himself and various owners, one of the number being Van Diemen, who proved a good stake-winner, the stables in which the Messrs. Nathan's horses were

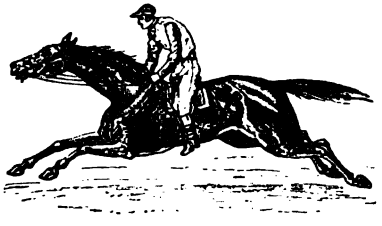
**Mr. A. DAVIS**
**A Well-known Aucklander.**

trained for the greater part of the time being called after that horse.

Amongst the horses the Messrs. Nathan bred may be mentioned a few of the best:—Nonette, Gladsome, Rosella, Laetitia, Silkworm, Beddington, Miss Delaval, Woodstock, Explosion, Miss Emmy, Sabretache, La Gloria, Porirua, Gladstone, Kamo, Delania, Te Aroha, Northumberland, Zuleika, Veldt, and Putty. Miss Gladys, dam of Gladsome, and Problem, dam of Solution, were bred by the Messrs. Nathan, and also Nonette's dam Charente, who never carried a saddle.

## MR. A. DAVIS.

Mr. Adolphus Davis, during the whole of the time the Messrs. L. D. and N. A. Nathan were racing and breeding thoroughbreds, managed these departments, and made purchases of brood mares in Australia and New Zealand, the best purchase turning out to be Lady Moth, dam of Hohoro and Silkworm, who was secured for 35 guineas. Mr. Davis has always taken a good deal of interest in racing, and while Secretary of the Makaraka Jockey Club, at Gisborne, owned, trained and raced his first horse, The Barb, by Gillie Callum, and also owned The Fly, by Don Juan, a good fencer. At the time the Messrs. Nathan purchased some of the horses at the breaking up of the Beresford Syndicate, Mr. Davis purchased Satyr, by Leolinus from Naiad, who turned out a first-class hurdle horse, racing in Australia and New Zealand. Later on Mr. Davis had Woodstock, who was a useful gelding, and a sterling little horse, also by St. Leger, named Acone, who won a lot of races and did his connections good service. Mr. Davis has been a steward of the Avondale Jockey Club for some years past.



**Mr. JOHN STEVENS, ex-M.H.R.**
**An All-round Racing Man.**

## MR. JOHN STEVENS.

Mr. J. Stevens, ex-M.H.R., was born at Thorndon Flat, Wellington, on October 20th, 1845, and lived there with his parents until 1854, when, with his grandfather, he left there in a 25 ton fore-and-aft schooner, commanded by Captain R. Woodgate, for Rangitikei, and got stranded on a spit at the mouth of the Rangitikei River, and had to leave the boat. A Maori nurse had taught him to swim and talk Maori. On the walk from the stranded vessel to the old slab house with thatched roof, in which resided Mr. Tom Scott, he met a Maori boy several years his senior, who looked at him with great astonishment, and still more surprise when spoken to in his own tongue, and told of what had happened. At Scott's he met John, Tom, and David, and accompanied them to Adam Keer's, a neighbour's place, to get a pig. They had with them a mare called Taratahi. This, and a half-draught mare, Blossom, by Sampson, were the first horses Mr. Stevens remembers. A team of bullocks was sent from Pukehoe with a sledge, as there were no carts then, and on this young Stevens was seated for most of the journey to his new home, where he quickly learned to ride.

His experience of racing began at a scratch meeting held at Bulls on January 1st, 1857. It took several days clearing the manuka to get some sort of a track. At that meeting, when only a little over twelve years old, he rode Nobby, a horse reared on cow's milk, and a mare called Topsy, bred by Reupena Ngarino, of Turakina, the prizes being saddles and bridles. This was on part of the Killeymoon Estate, owned by Captain Daniell, who was the most extensive land owner and a breeder of cattle and good horses, and had at the time a lot of smart-looking, unbroken galloways by Scimitar from pony mares of good breeding. The Captain, who was fond of sport, announced that he would place a number of these ponies at the service of boys in the district for twelve months, at the end of which time, January 1st, 1858, the ponies were to be raced, and the boy who had the winner was to receive £10. Quite a number of lads availed themselves of the offer. The race was looked forward to with widespread interest by young Rangitikei and the settlers, and is talked of to this day. In due course the eventful time came round, and four of the ponies survived the training methods of those days, the event being run in heats, and ended as under:—

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| **J. Stevens ns Scimitar, by Scimitar—Jennet (J. Stevens)** | **1—1** |
| **H. Whales ns Pretence, by Scimitar— —— (J. Crocker)** | **2—2** |
| **A. Ingram ns Eurella, by Scimitar— —— (A. Ingram)** | **3—0** |
| **D. Scott ns Young Fairy, by Scimitar—Fairy (J. Scott)** | **ran off** |

Miss Ingram made for her brother a cap of red, white and black in segments, like a dunce's cap. Stevens rode in a Gari-

baldi brown holland pinafore blouse, with white duck trousers and blucher boots. This proved the precursor to the regular Rangitikei meetings, as from that time money was raised by subscriptions and prizes given. The ponies were sold, David Scott purchasing Young Fairy, afterwards called Jessica, who was the great grand-dam of the steeplechasers King Don and Lady Mary, the last-named being the grand-dam of Awahuri, the N.Z. Grand National winner of 1903.

Mr. Stevens has a good recollection of the early-day racing in Rangitikei, in which he took an interest from the outset of his riding career. He got from Mr. Scott, senr., a horse called Taiangawa, who was used for carrying the mail, and he trained and rode him in the First Rangitikei Produce in the name of Unknown. Tom Scott had a son of Taratahi, by Scimitar, in the same race, and George Ross trained him. The late John Walker rode Danger, and Joe Hayward a Wairarapa horse. Alex. Cameron, father of Jack Cameron, the cross-country rider, and Tom Cameron, the starter, was riding then. Mr. James Bull, anxious to see Mr. Stevens win, presented him with a whip before the start, and, boy-like, it was used to such purpose that he was ashamed to look at Unknown after the event. He learned better with experience, and rode and won a good many races from time to time, but soon became heavy, and only figured in welter events. At the first meeting held in Lower Rangitikei, Mr. Stevens had a filly called Miss Tuke, which Mr. L. Danieli had given him, and this filly he exchanged for a grey gelding named Weka, by a Reuben colt from one of three fillies of supposed thoroughbred origin brought to the district by Mr. C. Campion.

The Defence Force was stationed at York Farm, and Tom Hill, their rough rider, and a good horseman, was expected to ride Captain Daniell's Duodecimo, afterwards called Lord Lyon, in the so-called hurdle race, a two-mile event, over eight jumps, spars dragged by bullocks out of the bush and let into forked tree limbs, being used. The first prize to the winner was £7 10s. There were two other entrants—Mr. A. Cameron's Mazeppa, and Mr. J. Stevens' Weka. Mr. Stevens had previously offered Weka for private sale, and just as he had weighed out a buyer came along with £80 in Sergeant-Major Reteymer, who substituted Hill as his rider. Captain Daniell was wrath at the turn affairs had taken, and Mr. Stevens offered to ride Duodecimo for him. The offer being accepted, Mr. Stevens went out filled with instructions how to ride. Mazeppa baulked, and Weka won the first heat, Duodecimo falling, only just saving his distance through being quickly remounted. Mr. Stevens rode his own way in the next two heats, and won both, but had ridden six miles over twenty-four stiff four-feet obstacles. There were two other of these jumping races the same day, valued at £5 and £3. Alex. Cameron rode in all three, and got three falls

in the second one, in which Mr. J. Walden, the present-day racing detective, had Black Doctor, a Canterbury horse. Mr. Folet-Halcombe won on Silvertail, a mare belonging to an officer in the 18th Royal Irish. These races were all run in heats. Talk about Roman holidays! Later on Mr. Stevens rode Duodecimo 14lbs. overweight at Wanganui, and won both two-mile heats, beating Native, ridden by D. Lind, father of F. Lind, who rides for Mr. Lawry. Captain Leech, of the 14th Regiment, was on Billy. Native fell in the second heat. A terrific hailstorm fell during the running of that event. Amongst other horses that Mr. Stevens rode over fences were The Nun, one of the best jumpers of her time, and Islesman, in the first hurdle race he ran at York Farm.

In the early seventies Mr. Stevens owned Fred Green, a remarkable horse, by Roderick Dhu, a half-draught, who, however, had won a steeplechase. He was from a thoroughbred mare, Estelle. Several times Fred Green had trotted long distances for his owner, who, while in Napier, backed him to trot sixteen miles within the hour on a metalled road. The course selected was from the 18th milestone, near Pakipaki, to the 2-mile post out of Napier, near the old Maori Club. On the previous night Mr. Stevens rode in to Longlands, where he was the guest of Mr. Coleman. A loose box had been considerately prepared for the reception of Fred Green, who was called after a celebrity of about that time; but the gelding was fed, and, for choice, left in the stockyard. Major Pitt, whose photo. appears on page 64, and whose horse, The Marquis, had just won the two principal races at Waipukurau, lent Mr. Stevens a 7lb. saddle, in which he rode. Messrs. R. T. Danvers, of Napier, and Mr. Jacobs, now of Wellington, were the respective timekeepers, and rode all the way, with a change of horses. Mr. Stevens also had a stop-watch. Fred Green covered the distance in 53min. 30sec. As a memento of the event, Mr. Stevens received a half-sovereign bearing the date 1829. The performance was held to be a world's record in a saddle and with a heavy weight up. Roderick Dhu got Rodney and Scott's Annie, and other long-distance trotters, the last-named being the dam of the great Marmion.

As Mr. Stevens spoke the Maori language fluently, he was extensively employed in interpreting, and has acted as sponsor for no end of thoroughbreds. It was through him that Mr. F. W. Delamain named his Golden Grape—Atalanta mare Pungawerewere, which means a spider. He wanted something to catch Ngaro, a fly. Mr. Stevens rather liked long names, and owned Puhinahina, Te Whetumarama, and Parikarangaranga, afterwards known as Christmas. Te Whetumarama was probably the best all-round big horse we have had in New Zealand. In 1887, and again in 1888, Mr. Stevens took horses and ponies to India—Parvenu, Owhiti (with whom he won the Tollygunge Steeplechase), and Glaiks, by Mangle, who won several races.

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**Life Member of the Manawatu Racing Club.**

On his second trip he took the chestnut pony Little Wonder, who started ten times and won nine races. After being travelled by rail 1,843 miles from Calcutta to Peshawur, on the Afghan frontier, this pony became the property of Lord Ava, brother to Lady Plunket, who was afterwards killed in Africa. For Mr. Stevens she won the New Stakes at Calcutta, beating Lord Clyde, for whom Lord Marcus Beresford's brother paid 450 guineas in England. Meeting Lord Beresford shortly afterwards, that gentleman remarked to Mr. Stevens that the pony was a "great" wonder. The Maharajah of Patiala paid rupees equal to 800 sovereigns for this pony, who could go easily under the 14-hand standard. Waihopai, a good pony in New Zealand, was a failure in India, and Mr. Stevens sold her and Mr. Archie Cameron's Parikaritu, a descendant of one of the old Westmere (Wanganui) ponies by Young Day Dawn, for a small sum. According to *Hayes' Sporting Gazette,* this pony afterwards won, inclusive of lotteries, equal to £15,000 of English money.

While in India Mr. Stevens bought Calipha, an Arab sire, for Mr. McKenzie, of the Wairarapa, where he has done great service. Captain Hayes described him as the truest Jot Arab he had had the pleasure of looking at for fourteen years. There have been few better judges of horses in this colony. Mr. Stevens purchased in New Zealand the last shipment of 750 horses for the Imperial Government which were taken to South Africa, and has judged at numerous shows, and also been judge at a number of race meetings.

Mr. Stevens has represented Rangitikei and Manawatu in Parliament, acting as Government Whip. He has also acted on several Land Purchase Commissions; was Cornet, Lieutenant, and Captain of the old Alfred Troop, and afterwards Captain of the Rangitikei Cavalry. In Te Ua's war, in 1864, in General Cameron's time, he saw some warfare; was wrecked on the Government steamer Sandfly on the south spit of the Patea River; interpreted for Dr. Grace when he amputated Paramana's leg. Paramana had been fighting against the pakeha, was wounded, and made prisoner. Paramana objected to chloroform, and stood the operation without a flinch. Asked what he would have done had he had his interpreter in such a position, the warrior said, "I would have stuck a tomahawk into you. If you don't like what I say, you must not speak to me."

## MR. J. C. NATHAN.

Mr. Joseph Nathan is one of the original members of, and now a life member of, the Manawatu Racing Club. He joined the Club in the year 1877, and handicapped for the first race meeting held on the old course, was a steward for a good many years, and honorary starter for about five years; chairman of the Ground Committee from the start and for the present course,

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**A Canterbury Owner.**

and one who superintended the making of it, and the laying off of the enclosures. Mr. Nathan has been Vice-President on two occasions, and in 1899-90 was President. When the new course was finished he came to the conclusion that he had given sufficient time to the Club's business, and resigned, his resignation being received with deep regret by the members and co-workers, who, as already stated, elected him a life member, an honour no man better deserved, for no member or club official could have worked harder or with the interests of the Club more at heart than he had done. During the whole time he only once owned a race-horse. This was the hurdle gelding Larrikin, who won a number of races in New Zealand and in Australia after Mr. Nathan sold him.

## MR. PAT. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Patrick Campbell was born in Scotland in 1844, and educated first at the Perth Academy, the school and masters of which are alluded to by "Ian Maclaren" in one of his books. In Mr. Campbell's days, "Poker" Steel was L.C.D., and "Bull-dog" Smith riding master. Mr. Campbell finished at Cheltenham College, Gloucestershire, and early cultivated a love for sport. He did some grouse-shooting at Kinlock, the old family place in Perthshire, in the Bredalbane County, and some hunting with the Blackmore Vale, with Joe Gundry, and now General Sir Richard Westmacott, who it was that showed King Edward his best tiger-shooting in India. Mr. Campbell went there after leaving his college, intending to go in for the cotton trade, but returned to England in 1866, finding the climate too trying. He came out to New Zealand in the same year, via San Francisco. Mr. Campbell's love for horses was very pronounced. With Catapult, a present, who was got by Diomedes from one of the old shackle brand mares of unknown lineage imported to Cheviot from Australia, he secured a number of races prior to that horse winning the Dunedin J.C. Forbury Handicap in 1871. Soon afterwards, at auction, he purchased Tambourini, who won so many good races and did so much service for Mr. Dan O'Brien and others later. "Tam" was one of the bargains of early days. When brought into the ring Mr. Jos. Osborne bid £14 for him, Mr. W. C. Webb £14 10s., and Mr. Campbell £15, and at that price secured one of the most useful horses of his day. He also purchased later on that fine fencer Tommy Dodd, and raced, amongst others, Harlequin and Ronald the 'chaser, and in 1874 and 1875, with Tadmor and Daniel O'Rourke respectively, won the Canterbury Derby, and with the last-named the Canterbury Cup. Brunette, the dam of these horses, with Daniel O'Rourke at foot, and Tadmor, a yearling, was the first mare with which

the syndicate, Messrs. Harper, Hassal, and Reeves, started the Middle Park Stud. In conjunction with the Hon. Michael Studholme, Mr. Campbell raced Cloth of Gold.

Ingomar, sire of Hova, and the brood mare Corcyra, were imported by Mr. Campbell, and at a more recent date, in conjunction with others, the stud horses Melaebeaus and Obligado. Martini-Henry's full sister, Engagement, was sent Home by Mr. Campbell for the express purpose of being mated with St. Simon, but there was such a run on that great sire that St. Serf, one of his sons, was used as a substitute, and next year the great Bendigo, the result of the union with the last-named being Sandhurst, who cost Mr. Campbell a lot of money, and finally found his way into harness, being as superior as a coach horse as he was a failure as a racehorse. Strange, is it not, that such enterprise should have been so rewarded? Engagement was one of the most ladylike and promising of Musket's daughters that ever went to the stud, and on her dam's side beautifully bred. Years afterwards, when Mr. Campbell had disposed of her, she visited St. Simon, and only recently we were advised by the Special Commissioner of the *London Sportsman* that her son by that great sire, for whom 2,000 guineas were paid, was being used to lead in her trial gallops no other than the world-renowned Pretty Polly, and must needs be a very good horse. Magazine and Strathbraan were both bred from Engagement by Mr. Campbell before that mare was sent Home. Magazine won a few races on the flat and over hurdles, and Strathbraan, amongst other races, won the Wellington Cup after being sold.

Mr. Campbell was Honorary Starter to the Canterbury Jockey Club in 1871, and while in the colony acted for that Club up to 1890. Early in the seventies he rode and won a match for £100 a-side over hurdles on a horse called Albatross, beating Ivanhoe after both had run off a hurdle. F. Hewitt and J. Harris, the champion foot racers, gave exhibitions on the same day. Mr. Campbell rode in a steeplechase at Stace's farm, near Christchurch, Dan O'Brien and he having the finish to themselves. Before hares were introduced into the colony, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Joe Brabazon, and Mr. O'Brien were the ones selected to lay the trails for the paper chases which were popular at the time, and they were commonly known as the hares.

Mr. Campbell, as a boy, saw Heenan and King fight for 2,000 sovs. under London Prize Ring rules, with the "raw 'uns," and nearly forty years later witnessed Jackson and Slavin in their contest for a like prize at the National Sporting Club, of which he is one of the original members, regulation gloves being used. Mr. Campbell is an enthusiastic lover of boxing and wrestling, and was present in an official capacity at the wrestling match between Curley Bray and Ned Wilson (well known in Wellington and Dunedin) at Hagley Park, Christchurch, when, after four

hours, Wilson beat his heavier opponent, and generously gave him the £35 of prize money. Mr. Campbell has witnessed innumerable contests since, and has judged and acted as referee in very many boxing bouts.

## MR. THOMAS RAY.

### A WAIRARAPA OWNER.

Mr. Thomas Ray, a Wairarapa owner, is one of the early Wairarapa settlers, as he has resided there for about fifty years. He was born in Ireland in 1838, and came to New Zealand with his parents in 1840, but it was not until the year 1865 that he raced his first horse, called Jenny. This was at Greytown, and he has been racing ever since, and training his own horses, seldom being very long without a representative. He has also bred a few, and amongst the first were Nai Nai and Rob Roy, sister and brother, and with the first-mentioned he won a number of races. He was also successful with the Peter Flat gelding Diver, and later on had a serviceable mare named Annie, by the same sire. With Diver he won the Wairarapa Cup, and he also won the same race with a horse called Comet. With Kakapo, a useful horse, by Mr. Redwood's Kakapo, at the time owned by Mr. J. Hayward, he won a number of races. Kakapo was a son of Nai Nai, and Ned Kelly, by Barbarian, and Taratahi, by Southern Chief, were from that mare, and were also winners. Amongst others that Mr. Ray raced may be mentioned Shamrock, Welcome Nat, Dan O'Connell, Cribbage, and Putangitangi. One of the last horses Mr. Ray has raced is Hamua, with whom he has won during the season of 1904-5.

Mr. Ray was a Steward of the first race meeting held at Taratahi in 1875, and has all along been a worker in the interests of racing. He is still in office, and there are few followers of sport in the Wellington and Wairarapa districts who do not know him.

**Mr. A. J. DANVERS**
**Judge, Starter, Handicapper, Steward, Secretary.**

## MR. A. T. DANVERS.

Mr. Alfred Danvers, the well-known veterinary surgeon of Hastings, Hawke's Bay, came to the colony as a young man in 1854, and has consequently seen pretty well all the racing that has taken place in the Hawke's Bay districts, where he has taken an active interest in the sport from the first. There he has resided for almost the whole period, with the exception of the time spent on a trip to England between the years 1861 and 1863.

Mr. Danvers has owned and raced and ridden horses himself from time to time, the first at old Greenmeadows, near where the Napier Park Racing Club hold their meetings. Nymph, a grey mare owned by the late Mr. W. Douglas, was one of the first he bestrode over fences, but he also rode over hurdles and on the flat, and was considered a capable amateur. He has filled at intervals the positions of judge, starter, and clerk of the course to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, of which body he was also a steward for several years. He was Secretary and Captain of the Havelock and Clive Football and Cricket Clubs; Secretary, Treasurer and Judge of the old Napier Open Field Coursing Club; Secretary and Handicapper of the first Hawke's Bay Gun Club; Secretary of the old Havelock Racing Club, and Handicapper; also Secretary of the Maori Racing Clubs at Pakowai and Pakipaki, known afterwards as Maori Oats Meetings.

Most race-goers outside of Hawke's Bay will remember Mr. Danvers best as Secretary and Handicapper to the Napier Park Racing Club, which dual position he held for fifteen years, from the inauguration of that Club, always being very popular with owners and patrons of racing; he also acted for some years as Handicapper to the Gisborne Racing and several country clubs in Poverty Bay.

Recently Mr. Danvers has been devoting more of his time to veterinary work, and has almost entirely dropped out of the field as an active participant in the business of racing, for which it may be said he has done much in his time without gaining to himself riches. He, however, has made many friends.

**Mr. WILLIAM ADAMS**
**An Erstwhile Auckland Owner.**

## MR. WILLIAM ADAMS.

Mr. W. Adams, who has been known in the racing world for a quarter of a century, was born about the heart of Auckland City in the year 1850, and at an early age took service with Mr. Andrew Anderson, a leading builder, who fitted out the ships that took Home the Imperial troops after the Waikato war. From the building trade he went into the Queen's Head Hotel, and remained proprietor for eight years, drifting into racing about the year 1880, when he purchased the chestnut Lara from the late Mr. R. Vallance. With Lara he won many races about Auckland, but that horse became infirm. He was so sore after running a dead heat with Mr. John Smith's Tim Whiffler for the Cambridge Cup, then worth £100, that Mr. Adams offered to accept £10 and not start again. Mr. Smith declined, and the horses were brought out after the last race. Meanwhile Donald Taylor had kept Lara's legs in hot water. He won the decider by fifty yards, to the surprise of all.

A mare called Steel All was purchased by Mr. Adams, and exchanged for the Musket colt Krupp, who finished under the judge's box, and some thought had really won the Midsummer Stakes, which went down to the credit of Trenton. Shortly afterwards Mr. Adams, racing as "Mr. Robertson," sold Krupp to a gentleman who raced under the *nom de plume* of "Mr. A. C. Harris" for £500 and a contingency of £150 out of the first win. On the eve of the departure of Krupp for Canterbury, "Mr. Harris" informed Mr. Adams that the colt was to run in the interests of a syndicate, and asked what he would take for his further interest. Upon £125 being named, a cheque was at once handed over. Mr. Adams was in luck, for Krupp did not survive the passage to Wellington. Mr. Adams owned Mitrailleuse, a very brillant filly, at this time, and she won no end of races in Auckland, and was sent to Victoria for the Newmarket Handicap. A commission was executed on behalf of her owner, who took £30,000 to £1,350, and kept two-thirds of the money, laying the rest off. J. Kean rode her, but she was beaten out of a place, Lochiel and Abner fighting out the finish. Mitrailleuse won the Burke Handicap afterwards in a field of twenty-eight, ridden by the late Alex. Robertson, who declared she was the first with which he had been able to get from outside to inside place within the first furlong of the distance. To the early speed Mitrailleuse showed she owed her success. Levite, the favourite, tried to savage the mare as they were finishing. Mitrailleuse was sold to the late Mr. D. S. Wallace, for whom she won several races, for 650 sovereigns.

**Mr. DAVID SCOTT**
**A Well-known Rangitikei Breeder and Owner.**

Another Musket Mr. Adams purchased for 185 guineas was Foul Shot, whom he sold for 650 guineas to "Mr. Buxton" (Mr. A. E. Isaacs), for whom he won the A.R.C. Northern Derby and A.R.C. Handicap, but Mr. Adams had the previous season won with him, and had refused a cash offer of £1,000 from Mr. Stead, with contingencies. Other horses Mr. Adams owned and raced were Leorina, Miss Alice, Lady Alice, Ricochet, Capella, Lily Langtry, and Larry. He was for twenty-three years working the totalisators. Some he introduced and patented at Ellerslie, and worked at Takapuna, Te Aroha, Paeroa, Waihi, Thames, South Auckland, Otahuhu, Onehunga, Whangarei, Dargaville, Cambridge, Helensville, and Drury race, and the Auckland, Onehunga, and Otahuhu Trotting Clubs' meetings, taking contracts and building grandstands for clubs which then had no funds, Takapuna, Papakura, and Otahuhu being three of the number.

## MR. DAVID SCOTT.

Mr. David Scott, the well-known breeder and owner of Willow Bank, Lower Rangitikei, is a son of the late Mr. Tom Scott, who was one of the first settlers in that part of New Zealand, and carried the mails between Wellington and New Plymouth, a monthly service, at a time when it was risky business travelling amongst the natives and having so many small rivers to cross, often in flood. It would savour of romance to say that Mr. Scott did this work for a long time on foot, remembering that the journey was about 250 miles one way, but it is nevertheless true, and it is said that he sometimes had to wait for months before the contract money of £50 a year was paid. It is related that Mr. Scott, senr., could not swim, but had an ingenious method of crossing the rivers where canoe service could not always be obtained. On many occasions he collected driftwood, and made a kind of raft, tying the wood to poles. By carrying tobacco and a drop of rum, he often received assistance from a few natives, who were nearly always on the look-out for the mailman. Years afterwards his sons, on their ponies, assisted in the mail contract. Mr. Scott, senr., took an interest in the early-day race meetings, and owned, amongst others, a noted horse, Fawn, afterwards called Mistake, and another, Taiangawa, afterwards called Unknown. A mare called Taratahi, from which were bred several horses that could gallop, was about the first of Mr. Scott's horses. His sons, John, Thomas and David, all interested themselves in horses.

The first time the subject of this sketch entered into racing was when quite a youngster, when he had the pony Jessica, in 1860 (see page 155). This may be said to have been the start-off

of Mr. Scott's racing career, and as he has been racing almost continuously ever since, and has been breeding horses the greater part of the time, it can be said that he is one of the oldest racing men and studmasters we have in the colony. The pony to which reference is made above was a shapely little mare of about 14 hands, and by Scimitar from one of some high-class ponies bred from imported stock by the late Mr. John Cameron, of Marangai, Wanganui. To a Maori-owned sire, Jack, a well-bred horse, Jessica bred a little black mare who became the dam of Lady Mary, King Don, Christmas, and Honesty, all performers over fences, the two first-mentioned being winners over hurdles and across country. King Don won the highest honours at Wanganui and Ellerslie in steeplechases, and was a big, fine horse. Lady Mary, who was first raced by Mr. Scott, bred the dam of Mr. G. P. Donnelly's Grand National winner Awahuri, one of the biggest successful steeplechasers we have had in the colony, whom no one would credit with being the descendant of a pony of the Timor family.

Mr. Scott has bred and raced many good horses during the past thirty-five years, including hurdle, steeplechase, and flat race winners, and has long been recognised as a good judge. Amongst the first of his jumpers, in addition to King Don and Lady Mary, may be mentioned Abolition and Adventurer, good fencers. Ahua was perhaps the best all-round horse of his inches New Zealand has had, one that won on the flat and carried big weights to victory over hurdles, and was asked and accomplished some great tasks over country before he won the New Zealand Grand National. Mr. Scott bought Ahua's dam, Cornelia, and her dam, Policy, and from these mares and their descendants has bred most of his racing stock. Policy was the dam, amongst others, of Forest Queen, Maid of Eccleston, Lady Artist, Goth, Tornado, and Delphine. Forest Queen won the Wanganui Derby, and bred several useful horses; Maid of Eccleston bred Goodwood and a number of other colts, and two fillies now at the stud; Delphine was not bred from, excepting at long intervals, but some of her progeny are coming on; Lady Artist left, amongst others, that good horse The Artist. Cornelia was the most prolific, and, in addition to leaving Ahua, bred Notice of Motion, Camellia, Parvenu, Vera, Pandora, Armadillo, Omaha, Dingo and Cordelia, all performers, and several of them good ones. Ahua has sired, amongst other winners, Social Pest, a good hurdler. Omaha went to Australia, where she raced successfully. The other mares, and some of their daughters, have been bred from. Beau Ideal is from Pandora; Armadillo bred Hangfire and Great Scott; Cordelia is the dam of Gold Cord; Vera left Vera Ascot and Veracity. There are numerous descendants of old Policy scattered about Rangitikei. Mr. Scott bred from a few other mares, and he and his sons have raced their progeny. Next to Ahua, Parvenu was perhaps the best he bred, and that

gelding was sold and went to India. Before racing any of Policy's descendants, Mr. Scott owned a useful horse called Haphazard, and many lesser lights, with which he won plenty of races. He bred largely from Flintlock, by Musket—Georgi, and has used the Australian-bred horse Worry in recent years as a sire. He also raced Worry, and won a few races with that horse.

Mr. Scott's son Thomas has ridden with success in all departments, and other members of his family have also ridden and owned winners. Mr. Scott has always lent his support to hunting. Waitangi was one of the best jumpers and most useful horse he ever owned. Mr. Scott has held official positions on nearly all the district clubs as Steward and Committeeman, and has filled the Judge's box at many meetings. He has judged stock at A. and P. Association shows in different parts of the colony.

## MR. PHILLIP JAMES ARMSTRONG.

Mr. Philip James Armstrong, who is still, and has been, resident in the Wellington Province since his birth on December 4th, 1843, like many of the subjects whose biographies appear in these pages, commenced riding at an early age, and, singularly enough, when not quite eleven years old, was placed astride a horse known as Ancient Mariner, and owned by Mr. Firth. This was at Burnham Water, now known as Miramar, in 1854, and he had the pleasure of landing Ancient Mariner first past the post in the Hack Race, which was decided in heats. He further distinguished himself about that distant date by riding a skewbald pony called Malakoff in a match against a pony belonging to the late Hon. John Martin, and also won another match on the same pony against Mr. Firth's Doctor, but was beaten at the Hutt on Ancient Mariner. In 1855, won the Licensed Victuallers' Purse on the late Mr. Richard Collins' Te Ore Ore at Waihenga. In that year he rode Young Alma for the late Major Trafford in a Hurry Scurry at Wanganui, but was not built on lines to make a successful jockey, as increasing avoirdupois precluded him following up his love for riding, and he has been perforce obliged to look on for a matter of fifty years, but still takes a good deal of interest in racing, and was one of the few who were present at the first race meeting at the Hutt to attend the January meeting of 1905 to see a field of fourteen line up for what is expected to be the last Wellington Cup to be run on that old convincing ground, probably as fast a course as there is in the colonies. Mr. Armstrong was judge at the Wairarapa Race Meetings held in 1871-2-3, after which time the meeting was moved to Tauherinikau.

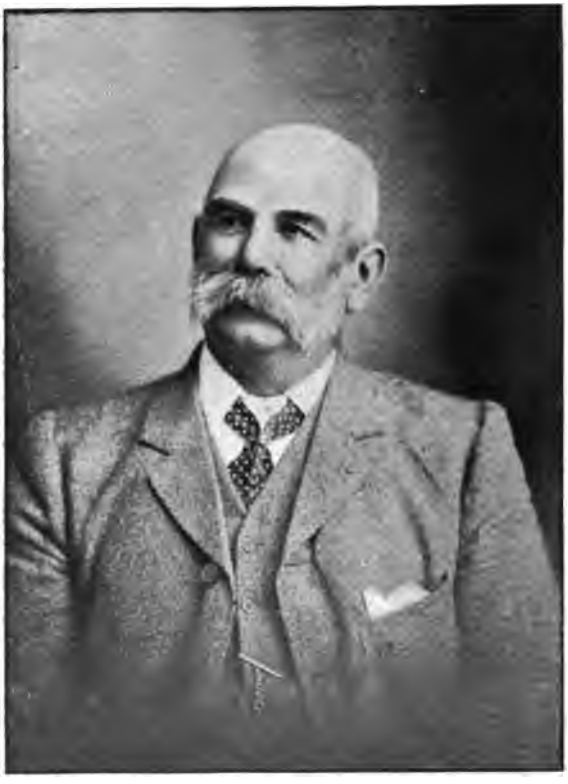
**Mr. WILLIAM WILSON**
**A Well-known Breeder of Stock.**

## MR. WILLIAM WILSON.

Mr. William Wilson, of Elslea, Whenuakura, Patea, on the Wanganui-Taranaki coast, is one of the earliest settlers there, and is not only known as one of the most successful sheep breeders and judges of our staple products, but from the time he purchased his property, just prior to the Maori war in the sixties, he has always assisted racing, and has imported and bred racing stock. He has been President of both the Waverley-Waitotara and Patea Jockey Clubs, and was for some time connected with the Wanganui Jockey Club.

Wildbriar was one of the first horses he raced, and the Traducer mare Iniquity came later. This mare was bred to Hambletonian, an imported American trotter, and produced, amongst others, a horse called Inferno, who, when about six years old, was credited with trotting in a road sulky on a metalled road a distance of 27 miles in an hour and thirty minutes. He was a rare stayer, a very sound horse, and was in full training at the time, and was driven by a light man who was suddenly summoned home to a sick parent. Some of Iniquity's descendants are occasionally seen on our trotting tracks.

Mr. Wilson imported the thoroughbred mare Sissie, who few know was raced in England over fences. She was stinted at the time to Cœrulius, brother to Blue Gown, the Derby winner, and produced Sweet Home, who was a fine filly, but unfortunately died after showing some promise. Sissie was sent to Auckland to Musket the second year he was at the service of breeders, and produced Armament, perhaps the biggest-boned horse Musket left. He got winners. Sissie also produced, amongst others, Caller Herrin, by Hippocampus, and the brothers Egalité and Fraternité, the last-named, for whom the late Bob Raey offered 800 guineas, being a good colt, sire of Inniskillen. Caller Herrin produced winners. Mr. Wilson also bred some useful horses from the Natator mare Eclat, Salvo and Banner being two, and he also bred a number of other winners. For some few years past Mr. Wilson has leased Elslea, and is now living on a reserved portion of the estate, but is often seen at the district meetings and agricultural shows.



**Mr. WILLIAM BREWER**
**A Well-known Wanganui-Waitotara Race Patron.**

## MR. WILLIAM BREWER.

Mr. William Brewer, who has been settled in the Wanganui district since before the Maori war in 1868, and has resided most of the time at his present home, coastward and about midway between Waverley and Waitotara, has been a supporter of racing and a breeder of horses, though not on an extensive scale, during the whole time. He has been associated with the Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club from its inception, and also with the Egmont Racing Club, and has acted for both as Judge, and for a long time has been a Steward of the Waverley-Waitotara Club.

Tip and Bank Note were about the first horses that he owned, and stock horse and ladies' purse events, with welter weights up, were the kind of races that appealed to Mr Brewer and contemporary owners of the time. On occasions he rode at the Wanganui meetings, and no one enjoys more a crack about the old-time meetings, when there were no grandstands and fenced, well-kept racing tracks, as there are to-day. Though he, like others, refers to the by-gone meetings as the ones out of which the most real enjoyment was got, old associations have still a magnetic attraction, and he seldom misses the Wanganui, Waverley-Waitotara, and Hawera reunions. Indeed, it would seem that many of the long-time settlers transact a good deal of their business at the racecourse side. Racing is voted a good tonic by many a one of the editor's acquaintances and friends, and Mr. William Brewer is not the only one who declares he feels all the better for his periodical visits on such occasions. Mr. Brewer was a fast friend of the late Mr. Freeman R. Jackson, who, for a quarter of a century, was the Honorary Secretary and recognised head of the Wanganui Jockey Club. Some of the most pleasurable hunting runs have been held over Mr. Brewer's property since hares were first introduced into the district, and, indeed, years before, when the Otago hounds were brought up the coast and ran drags at various settlements between Rangitikei and Hawera.

**Mr. WALTER SYMES, M.H.R.**
**An Erstwhile Racing Secretary.**

## MR. WALTER SYMES.

Mr. Walter Symes, who has been for some years past a member of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1852, and landed in Taranaki with his parents in 1856. He resided there until 1864, when his father bought land in Wanganui, where he went to school until 1869, when he was articled to Mr. H. B. Roberts, barrister and solicitor, and served articles until Mr. Roberts' death in 1873. He then started the business of Maclellan and Symes, auctioneers and land brokers, in 1874, in which year the Wanganui Jockey Club, which was almost defunct, was resuscitated, Mr. Symes acting during the preliminary stages of reorganisation until the late Mr. Freeman R. Jackson could be prevailed upon to act.

In 1876, in conjunction with three others, Mr. Symes bought out Mr. Prichard's interest and stock in the Rangitoto run, D'Urville's Island. In 1879 he returned to Wanganui, and settled at Waverley, and in 1880 became Secretary and Treasurer of the present Waverley and Waitotara Racing Club. He continued in that capacity until 1894, when he left for the Toko district, and remained there until 1900, when he shifted to where he now resides, in the Borough of Stratford. Mr. Symes was elected to represent the Egmont constituency in December, 1896, and again in December, 1899. The boundaries of the district having been altered, he was elected for Patea in December, 1902. Mr. Symes has been connected with sport all his life, and owned and, in conjunction with his brothers, bred some good horses, some of the racing stock of to-day tracing back to mares bred by the Symes family. Mr. Symes was elected cornet in the Alexandra Cavalry in 1874, Lieutenant in 1876, and Captain in 1878, resigning in 1882. He is a life member of the Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club, and his brother, Mr. E. Symes, is Secretary. Indeed, the Symes brothers have had much to do with the management of that club since its formation.

**MR. G. P. DONNELLY**
**A Well-known Hawke's Bay Sportsman.**

# MR. G. P. DONNELLY.

Mr. George Prior Donnelly was born in the County of Tipperary, Ireland, and the year following the death of his father, Mr. Patrick Donnelly, came to New Zealand. This was in 1862, and right from the outset he identified himself with the popular sport of racing, and, with an Irishman's love for the 'chaser, there is no need for surprise that from time to time during a period of over forty years he has had many good cross-country horses representing him in different parts of the colony, as well as flat racers of a class sufficiently good to win him a share of the prizes for which they have competed. The colours of Mr. Donnelly are, indeed, well known all over the colony, and have rarely been absent from New Zealand racecourses for any lengthy period for many years past.

In the early days he rode at meetings in Hawke's Bay, and won over hurdles and on the flat, and has always had a horse or two racing at the district meetings himself since he settled in Hawke's Bay, where he is amongst the most extensive sheep breeders in the colony, having broken in vast areas of new country for that purpose. Most of his jumping horses, and many of his flat horses, he bred himself. Pohokura, Ada, their son Owhaoko (a rattling good hurdle horse), and Mangahone (also by Pohokura) were some of the best of their time. Mangahone won over hurdles, and won the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase and Napier Steeplechase in 1887, and the New Zealand Grand National in 1888. The next important stake Mr. Donnelly won was with Kotuku in 1890. This was the Napier Park Stakes Handicap, and Kahuwai won the same race next year. Kaimanawa, by Otupapa from Ada, won some jumping races during the season of 1891-2 and the season following. Purepo, by Ariel, later on carried the scarlet and white stripes to the front in the Wanganui Stakes.

The Wanganui Cup, Napier Cup, and Hawke's Bay Cup were amongst races won by Douglas, who ran in the joint interests of Messrs Richardson and Donnelly for two seasons. Oingo won, amongst other races, the Hawke's Bay Guineas for Mr. Donnelly, but no other races of note were won until Awahuri, by Kaiwha, sire and son bred by their owner, won the Wanganui Steeplechase in 1903 and New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase in 1903-4. Awahuri, however, had won several hurdle races in the season of 1898-9, and one in 1899-1900, the Farewell Steeplechase at Napier Park in 1901-2, and four hurdle races during the season of 1902-3, prior to the Wanganui winter meeting. Other horses have carried Mr. Donnelly's colours with success in minor events, and the grey mare Trumpery won two hurdle races in

**Mr. W. E. BIDWILL**
**A Wairarapa Sportsman.**

Wanganui in March, 1905. Mr. Donnelly's imported stud horse Gold Reef is leaving fast and useful good-legged stock, and this horse is to be given further advantages in his owner's stud at Crissoge.

On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly from a visit to England in the season of 1904, during which they were presented at Court, Mr. Donnelly gave a valuable silver cup as a trophy to the Hawke's Bay Cup Handicap, which was won by Mr. H. E. Good's Maniapoto.

## MR. W. E. BIDWILL.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill, of Rototawai, Wairarapa, was born in May, 1858, in the Wairarapa, his father, the late Mr. C. R. Bidwill, being one of the first settlers there. For some time prior to the death of Figaro, Mr. Bidwill, senr., was owner of that celebrated horse, the first thoroughbred imported to Wellington by Mr. James Watt, then of Wanganui. Figaro died as the result of an accident on Pihautia Station, in 1856, about two years before the birth of the subject of this sketch. His success as a sire is known throughout the Wairarapa. Mr. Bidwill has been connected with racing affairs since 1878, principally with the Wairarapa Racing Club, on which he has filled positions as Steward, Committeeman, Vice-President, and President.

For some years Mr. Bidwill was a Steward of the Wellington Racing Club, and also a Vice-President; he is the country representative on the Metropolitan Committee, and also a country delegate for the Wellington district on the Racing Conference. He was Master of the first Wairarapa Hunt Club, and has always taken an interest in the sport of hunting.

For a considerable time Mr. Bidwill has been an owner of racing stock, and has always had one or two horses in training. He has confined his racing operations chiefly to the Wairarapa, Wellington and Hawke's Bay Clubs, though on occasions he has been represented further afield. Timothy, Nuts and Donovan were some of the first that represented Mr. Bidwill, and more recently Aberration, Ascension, Declination, and Immersion. The Day Dawn sire, Early Bird, was for some seasons used on the station. A few good mares are now being bred from on his estate at Rototawai.

**Mr. E. W. ALISON, M.H.R.,**
**Chairman Takapuna Jockey Club, Country Delegate.**

# MR. E. W. ALISON.

Mr. Ewen William Alison, M.H.R., was born in Auckland in 1854, and educated at the Auckland Grammar School, where he took an active part in athletics, winning prizes for running, jumping and at tilting in the ring. On leaving school he went to work at the *Herald* Printing Office, and was voted the smartest at case on the staff when he severed his connectian with that paper and started in business. For a while he had little time to devote to racing, though he invariably managed to attend local sports and country meetings. He frequently rode in matches, and won one on the Messrs. Duder's Dick, for 25 sovs. a-side, on the Cheltenham Beach at Devonport, his services as an amateur being much sought after.

Amongst the horses owned and raced by Mr. Alison and his brother Hugh were Angler, Yuba Bill, My Dream, A.B., Pearl, Jim, Capella, Friendship, Tamora, Regel, Nestor, Jessie, Hune, Regulus, Miss Nelson, Carbuncle, Lady Agnes, Toroa, Matamataharakeke, His Worship, Her Ladyship, Tiki, and others. Some of these horses won good races, Nestor annexing the Auckland Cup and Great Northern Derby, and some of them, and other good performers, were bred at Motukorea Island, on which the brothers had at one time quite a select little stud, Regel being used as the sire. The stud did not pay the owners, but many great bargains were secured at their sales, as for some reason people did not reckon that good stock would be produced there, and low prices ruled. Regulation, Regalia, Aka Aka, Tahae, and Crespin were amongst the useful ones bred there and purchased cheaply.

It was Mr. Alison who started the Takapuna Jockey Club in the year 1881-2, and he has been Chairman ever since. He has been a delegate on the Racing Conference on matters affecting country clubs, and was the first to move in the direction of country clubs obtaining representation on metropolitan committees; he was the first representative Auckland country clubs selected, Mr. Herries, M.H.R., being the next. Mr. Alison acted as Judge on one of the appeal cases in conjunction with the Hon. E. Mitchelson and Mr. O. Samuel.

Mr. Alison was a member of the Waitemata Council, to which he was re-elected for three terms. When Devonport was cut off and formed into a borough, he was elected Mayor eight times, seven times unopposed, and initiated the water supply and drainage schemes. He is Chairman of the Taupiri Coal Company, Ngunguru North Coal Company, Northern Coal Company, and a number of mining companies. Mr. Alison has had to do with

**Mr. DAVID PRINGLE**

**Erstwhile President, Steward, Committeeman and Sec. Manawatu Jockey Club.**

numerous arbitration cases; is a member of the Conciliation Board, and has represented the employers for nine years. He inaugurated the Devonport Ferry Company, and has been Chairman and Managing Director for twenty-one years; was a member of the Auckland Harbour Board from 1894 to 1898, and Chairman of the Finance Committee for three years; was a member of the Devonport Road Board for several years; is Patron of several racing clubs and agricultural associations, and has often acted as a judge of stock. Mr. Alison has a farm at Te Aroha, and has been M.H.R. for Waitemata since 1902. He has always been an active man, never a drone.

## MR. DAVID PRINGLE.

Mr. David Pringle, who for a long time filled the position of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Manawatu Racing Club, has also been Steward, Committeeman, and President; but, at the time when extensive improvements were being undertaken at the club's new grounds at Awapuni, he resigned from the club after a long service, and which the members showed their appreciation of and gave expression to at the time. Mr. Pringle was always a worker, and to his energy and businesslike qualities the club owed much of its success.

The Heretaunga Mounted Rifles at one time held race meetings, and Mr. Pringle was the Secretary, and took a leading part in the management, and acted as starter on occasions for that and other clubs. He was also a capable horseman, and won a number of Ladies' Bracelet and Cavalry races on various courses. Ben Bolt and Roger were two horses Lieut. Pringle was associated with for a season or two in the early nineties, and between the pair they accounted for some of the minor flat and hurdle events.

**Mr. JOHN MARSHALL**
**An Auckland Sportsman.**

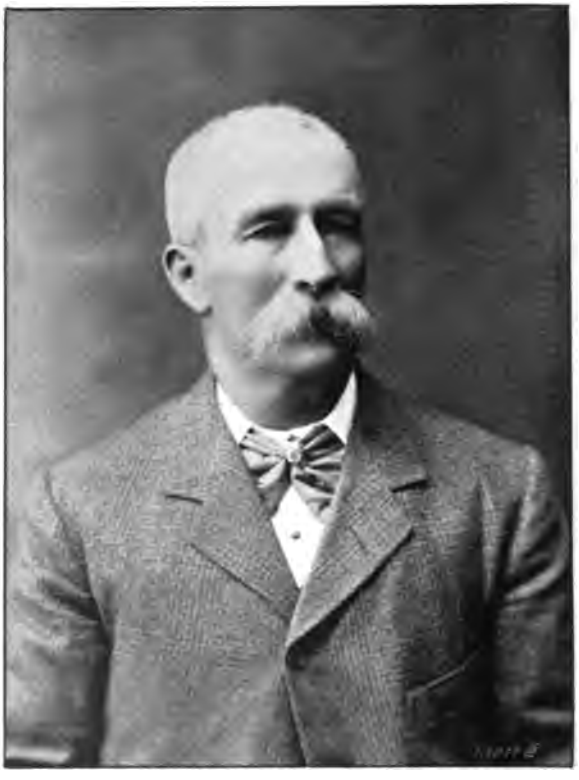
# MR. JOHN MARSHALL.

Mr. John Marshall is Auckland-born, and from the time of finishing his education has been more or less actively engaged in assisting in sporting matters, always holding a prominent place where racing, athletics, and aquatic amusements have been concerned. During the past twenty years he has filled positions as Committee-man and Steward of the Auckland Racing Club, and was for many years President of the Auckland Athletic Club, Auckland Rowing Club and Rowing Association, and Auckland Sports Club.

Mr. Marshall was the recognised head of the syndicate which raced Necklace, Thunderbolt, Derringer, and Turquoise, his co-partners being Messrs. T. Morrin, J. Dickey, and Pierce Lanigan. J. Chaafe, senr., trained for the syndicate, and won a number of good races with them. Thunderbolt won his four two-year-old engagements, and was sold to the late Hon. W. Robinson, proving a very brilliant colt. Necklace won the D.J.C. and Forbury Handicaps, and many good races, ran second to Nelson in the Dunedin Cup, and was an undoubtedly good mare. Derringer and Turquoise each won races.

Pearl Shell, Necklet, Braemar, and Magnesia were placed in the hands of the late Jas. Kean at Kohimarama, Necklet and Braemar being sent to Australia. This quartette Mr. Marshall raced on his own account. Necklet won the Maribyrnong Plate of 1000 sovs., while Pearl Shell and Magnesia raced with a fair amount of success in New Zealand, Pearl Shell winning the Great Northern Foal Stakes, and Magnesia some jumping races.

Chaafe had, in addition to the horses named, the hurdler King and the flat horses Radames and Musk. Cannongate, whom Mr. Marshall bred, was trained by Chaafe, junr., for clients, who had leased him, but part of the time also for his owner, winning over hurdles and across country. Radames dead-heated with Administrator for the Auckland Easter Handicap of 1884, and King won a number of jumping races. Mr. Marshall, at an early stage in his racing career, owner a mare called Matifia, who bred, amongst others, Azim and Tupaki. He also bred San Paulo and others. Pearl Necklet, by Haut Brion from his old favourite, Necklet, was purchased as a yearling in Australia, and a number of others have been raced by Mr. Marshall in recent years. By his trainers and those who have ridden for him, Mr. Marshall is always referred to as a most generous owner.



**Mr. DAN. O'BRIEN**
**The First Owner of Carbine.**

## MR. DAN. O'BRIEN.

Mr. Dan. O'Brien was born near Melbourne, and at an early age was employed by J. Kelly, who trained for a magistrate who was known as Donovan Brown, on account of having a jumper of the name Donovan. Prior to this he was with David Gorman at Beverage, twenty-four miles out of Melbourne, on the Sydney road, and got some experience in riding by mustering cattle. While thus employed he heard some one say he was just the sort to make a jockey. After gaining a little more experience, it was at first suggested that he should be sent to Mr. George Watson, but finally decided that he should go to Mr. Kelly. From Kelly's he was sent to Mr. C. B. Fisher's, and in his first ride won a saddle and bridle on a horse called Snooker. This was over fences. He first wore the "rose and black colours" on Warrior at Wittlesea, after being with the Messrs. Fisher three months. He remained there for some time, and picked Fishhook out as a promising yearling, and used to feed and afterwards rode him. Harry Goodman, Ted Redman, Bateman, A. Davis, Ted Morran, Charlie Green, H. Westwood, and Walter Lacey were some of the boys associated with the stables in those days, Lacey being head lad, and Mr. Filgate the trainer.

After the first sale of Mr. Fisher's stud, at which the late Mr. W. Walters secured Fanny Fisher, there was a dispersal also of the employees; but O'Brien remained and rode Fishhook, Bugleite, and Angler, the first and last named turning out first-class horses, Fishhook winning the first A.J.C. Champagne and many good races at a later age. He was, however, beaten by The Barb on their first meeting through getting left at the post. For a time O'Brien had charge of the three horses named, but when Joe Morrison, who was a finished horseman, was engaged, and O'Brien was asked to do the second riding, he got his back up and came to New Zealand, landing in Otago, where he was engaged by Mr. James McKenzie to train Stormbird and Virginia for Mr. Davie Carson, who was afterwards a partner with Mr. Taggart. This was after Stormbird had won the three-mile weight-for-age race. With Virginia, O'Brien won three races at Riccarton. He was at the first meeting on Tuapeka Flat, when Harkaway won for the late Mr. Tom Bradley, of coaching fame.

After spending a few years in New Zealand, with a short interval away on a trip to Victoria, O'Brien returned in 1869 to Melbourne, to get some property left by his father. When he had spent the proceeds he came back to New Zealand, landing in Christchurch, about the time Manuka, Peeress, and Misfortune returned. Then he took charge of Flying Jib, Foretop, and Waterwitch for Mr. Caleb Moore, afterwards handicapper at Dunedin, and travelled through mid-Otago goldfields from Dunedin, doing the Dunstan, Cromwell, Queenstown, Invercar-

gill, Tuapeka, and Tokomairo meetings. This was not what the Americans would call "a grand circuit," though there was lots of money about at the time, and Calcutta sweeps were in great favour. Lou Green, Harry Haines, and Jim Nichol were the prominent bookmakers about at that time, and Haines afterwards became a prominent owner. After doing the goldfields, O'Brien got back to Silverstream Racecourse Hotel, Taieri, and there met Harry Prince, who used to ride. Prince advised going to Christchurch, a course that was acted upin, and headquarters were secured there. The late Mr. Sam. Garforth had Backbiter and Sir Tatton, and the late Harry Oram and Harry Prince purchased a share in them, O'Brien training. He also purchased Kildare for £16. Sir Tatton went wrong, and Kildare was taken to the goldfields next season by O'Brien, who, on reaching Cromwell, was, in colonial parlance, "broke," as was his co-partner Prince. Not being able to borrow any money at the time, O'Brien rode to a sports meeting twenty-three miles off, and won the 150 yards hurdle race and the 150 yards flat race. He also got a ride on a hack and finished third in a £12 race, but got the money through the riders of the first and second horses being put out for jostling each other. Thus he became possessed of funds, and proceeded on to Dry Bread, where he met Mr. Walters and Harry French, who had those good mares Yatterina and Slander there. French rode Yatterina, and O'Brien rode Slander and won the chief race, and also rode Mr. Johnny Miller's Tommy and won the three mile trot, beating Stewart Waddell's mount by a head. He also won a match against time on the same horse, who was backed to trot eight miles within 30 minutes, and was timed to do the distance in 26min. 11sec.

Buying Sir Tatton from Prince, O'Brien returned to Christchurch, where he went mates with Mr. Jack Ward, the wrestler, who had Tambourini, that horse winning at Riccarton, the Dunstan, Queenstown, Tuapeka, and Tokomairo. After this O'Brien purchased "old Tam," and won the Leeston Cup, Timaru Cup and Handicap, and Ashburton Cup, also the chief race at the Kowai Pass, after which he wintered at Chokebore Lodge, Riccarton. Next season he won the C.J.C. Handicap and Canterbury Cup and Wellington Cup, selling Tambourini after racing him at Dunedin to the late Abe Sneider. While at Chokebore Lodge O'Brien met R. Derrett, R. J. Mason, J. Rae, H. Horner, Tom and Albert Lyford, and R. Gooseman. Lurline, then owned by Messrs. Watt and Redwood, and in which Mr. E. Perkins was supposed to have an interest, and Calumny, were then located there, Mason going to Melbourne with Lurline and E. Cutts to Auckland with Calumny, the last named *en route* for Australia also, to join Lurline later on.

Taking a fancy to the Traducer colt Loch Neagh at the Wellington Autumn Meeting, Mr. O'Brien effected his purchase from

the late Mr. J. Walker, who was representing the late Mr. John Ballance, his owner, who at that time was part proprietor and editor of the *Wanganui Herald*, and had not then made his *debut* in Parliament. Tommy Dodd, the hurdler, was purchased from the late Roddy McIvor, and, going to Auckland at that time, Auckland Kate, the 'chaser, was bought, and on the way back Moose. Picking up Fishhook, O'Brien shipped that colt to Napier, and took him to a race meeting at Pakowai, Hawke's Bay. There he won his first race, and was put up to auction, when a native woman named Maria made what many considered a plucky bid of £500 for him, which, however, did not tempt his owner, who had only a short time previously bought him for a fifth of that sum. Later on, Fishhook won the Dunedin Cup and Forbury Handicap, but was beaten a head at Oamaru, where he was disqualified, the disqualification being removed on appeal.

Purchasing the property now owned by Derrett, he sold Fishhook, Eclipse (with whom he had won the Dunedin Birthday Handicap), Sir Tatton, and, in fact, all his horses, to Mr. F. W. Neilson, the English cricketer, and entered into an engagement to ride and train for that owner. He added Te Whetumarama, a good all-round horse from Wanganui, to the team, winning races on Sir Tatton and Te Whetumarama over hurdles, on the flat, and over fences. Some time later Mr. Neilson got in with the late Hon. W. Robinson, and Natator, who O'Brien had told Mr. Neilson he thought would win the Canterbury Derby, was transferred to O'Brien's stables, and won. Mr. Neilson then bought out three stables, those of Messrs. R. Racy, Delamain, and O'Brien; Templeton, who was one of the horses purchased, winning the Canterbury Cup.

Having now no interest in horses, O'Brien went to Oamaru and did well in the Empire Hotel there. He got hold of a useful horse in Little John, and later on returned to Riccarton, and purchased the Racecourse Hotel, which he conducted for some years, erecting fine brick stables there, and buying horses and training from this time forward almost exclusively on his own account. His luck seemed so completely in for a long time that some one, commenting on the fact, declared that were anyone to throw O'Brien overboard it would be any odds he would come up smiling with a fish in each hand.

Tasman had come along and been purchased for a little over a century, and that horse proved a small gold mine to his owner, winning the first New Zealand Cup in 1883, Wellington Cup in 1885, Dunedin Jockey Club Handicap in 1885, and, amongst other races, the Timaru Cup in 1883 and 1884; indeed, he won thirty-one races. O'Brien purchased from Mr. Stead Trenton, who ran several good races, and was sold for a good price in Australia. Trenton was a really good horse, though somewhat unlucky. Rubina, an Australian-bred one, scored in twenty odd races,

**Mr. L. ABRAHAM**
**A Palmerston North Sportsman.**

including the C.J.C. Autumn Handicap, and afterwards left Vandal and Florrie (to Launceston) while O'Brien kept her, and the flying Machine Gun while in the Wellington Park Stud, to say nothing of Rubin and Kingsman. Florrie won a number of good races, including the C.J.C. Champagne, Middle Park Plate, C.J.C. Derby and Oaks, and Otago Cup. Launceston was unlucky in meeting particularly good ones of his age, but won the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap, and ran well in Australia. Freedom won the Canterbury Cup, Dunedin Cup, Otago Cup, and other races. Loyalty won the C.J.C. Challenge and Great Northern Derby; Philson, the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes; Matatua, the Great Easter Handicap and J.C. Handicap; Dunkeld, the Middle Park Plate; Military, the C.J.C. Challenge Stakes; Hazel, the C.J.C. Autumn Handicap; Response and Gipsy King, the Dunedin Champagne; while O'Brien did well out of Town Moor, Gatling, and others he raced and sold. His greatest horse was the world-renowned Carbine, the lightest-coloured bay Musket left in his stud career in this colony. Carbine won on each occasion he started in New Zealand as a two-year old, and is generally believed to have lost the V.R.C. Derby through an accident, after which Mr. O'Brien sold him for 3,000 guineas to Mr. Donald Wallace, for whom he won so many races, including the Melbourne Cup at five years old, carrying 10st. 5lb., and covering the two miles in 3min. 28¼sec., a weight-carrying and time performance combined unequalled in racing history. At the break up of Mr. Wallace's stud Carbine was sold for 13,500 guineas to a representative of the Duke of Portland. Carbine cost as a yearling 640 guineas.

For a period of some few years Mr. O'Brien resided at Randwick, Sydney, where he erected up-to-date racing stables and had a team of horses, but, while he won a few races, his luck seemed to desert him, and he returned to New Zealand. He has raced a number of horses since, but with little success. Mr. O'Brien has still a few young horses of his own breeding, including Multifid. He has been proprietor of the Criterion Hotel, New Plymouth, for several years.

## MR. L. ABRAHAM.

Mr. Lionel Abraham, who is a Steward and Committeeman on the Manawatu Racing Club, has been a member of that body for some years, and is one of the eight gentlemen who have held office as President of that club since it was formed over thirty years ago. Mr. Abraham is largely identified with the social and agricultural life of the Manawatu district also, and takes an especial interest in the seeds department at the annual show. Mr. Abraham has done a little racing, and won a few events with the Lakeshell—Novelty gelding Mussel. Arc Light, a two-year-old by the Australian-bred Merriwee, from Dazzle, carried the racing livery of Mr. Abraham during the past season.

**Mr. JOHN McVAY**
**President of Napier Park Racing Club and Racing Delegate.**

## MR. JOHN McVAY.

Mr. John McVay is one of the best-known residents in Napier. His parents were amongst the early settlers in Auckland, where they landed in the year 1841. It was in Auckland that Mr. McVay was born and educated, and learned the trade and business of a saddler, but in 1867 he decided upon settling in Hawke's Bay and entering into business in Napier. There he established what has grown into one of the largest wholesale and retail businesses of the kind in the colony, and has been associated with various local enterprises during his long residence in Napier.

For about twenty years Mr. McVay was a Councillor of the Borough, and recently filled the Mayoral chair. For nine years he was a member of the Napier Harbour Board, and is, and always has been since settling in Napier, connected with a number of local bodies.

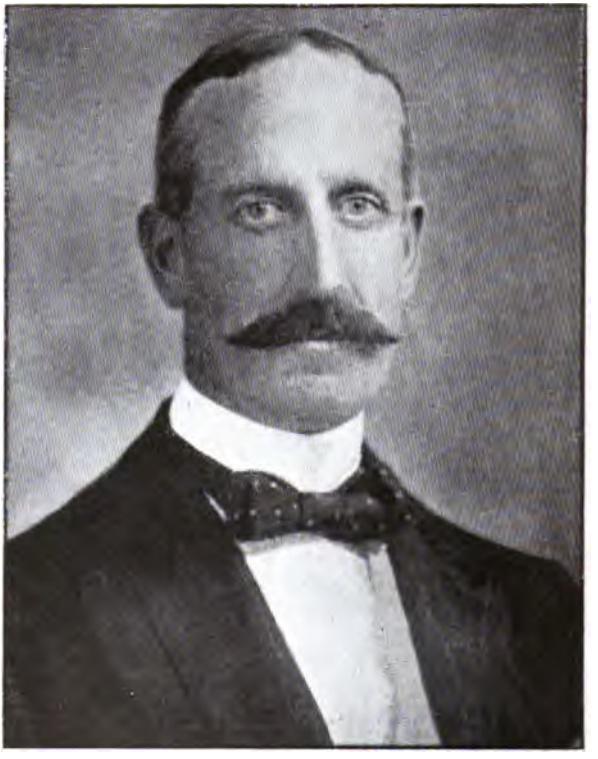
Mr. McVay's association with sport extends back a considerable time. He has been a member of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for a long time, and of the Napier Park Racing Club for sixteen years, and has acted as Committeeman and Vice-President, and is now President, of that institution. For some years past Mr. McVay has been representing the Hawke's Bay country clubs on the New Zealand Racing Conference, and has served on various committees set up by that body, chiefly in connection with the allocation of racing dates. Mr. McVay has owned and been interested as a partner in several racehorses, Brennan being the last with which he had to do. No man could take a keener interest than Mr. McVay does in the Napier Park Racing Club, which holds meetings on its pretty little course near Greenmeadows three times a year.

**Mr. R. H. NOLAN**
**President Egmont Racing Club.**

## MR. R. H. NOLAN.

Mr. R. H. Nolan, President of the Egmont Racing Club, is a brother to Mr. James Nolan, President of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, and Mr. Henry Nolan, the well-known stock auctioneer in Auckland, and has from his boyhood taken an interest in hunting and racing. Indeed, he was one of the early-day members of the Pakuranga Hunt Club in Auckland, and a regular attendant at the meets until he left the district. Before settling in the Hawera district, Mr. Nolan had followed the occupation of a commercial traveller for some years.

At Hawera, he joined in partnership with Mr. Tonks, and soon established a large stock auctioneering business there under the style of Nolan and Tonks, and became a member of the Egmont Racing Club, which club was started by Mr. Charles Ranson, then representing and managing the late Mr. F. R. Jackson's auctioneering business in Hawera and districts. That institution progressed under the secretaryship (honorary) of Mr. Ranson, who, on being appointed agent for the Northern Steam Shipping Company, had his place filled by Mr. Nolan, who retained office for several years, and was the recipient of a handsome presentation when he resigned, the duties being greater than his time would permit him to attend to. This was in 1889, and since that time he has filled positions as Judge, Vice-President, and President in turn; has also represented Taranaki district clubs on the Racing Conference, and was one of the first Appeal Judges appointed under the rules.



**Mr. S. H. GOLLAN**

**A New Zealand Owner, who won the Liverpool Grand National with Moifaa, a New Zealand Horse.**

## MR. S. H. GOLLAN.

Mr. Spencer H. Gollan, a few years since, was racing on an extensive scale in this and our sister colonies, but of late has been residing in England, and has confined his racing to English racecourses for some few seasons past.

Mr. Gollan was born in Hawke's Bay in 1860, and finished his education in England, where he proved a smart athlete, and distinguished himself at his University as a sculler, and since, having taken the greatest possible interest in rowing. As an amateur rider he took a prominent part in this colony, winning on the flat, over hurdles, and across country, the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase on Norton being his chief achievement. His father, who was one of the early settlers, acquired a large tract of land in Hawke's Bay, and though a patron of racing at country meetings, did not go largely in for sport. The subject of this sketch acquired a taste for racing at an early age, and about the first horse he owned was Gaffer Grey, and then came Oberon, Crinolette, Leonata, Liberty, and Dhudeen, all winners, between the seasons of 1883-4 and 1886-7. Liberty, on October 5, 1886, won the Hurdle Handicap on the Hawke's Bay course, and, ridden by Charlie Warren, paid the sensational dividends of £103 10s. and £153 9s. It was on Dhudeen, a fine fencer, that Mr. Gollan did a lot of riding over fences for practice. He, however, lost a match at catch weights with that gelding, riding himself, against Mr. W. Broughton on Hurricane, over hurdles, a mile and a-quarter. Comet, by Uncas, from Tilt, foaled in New Zealand, won over hurdles for Mr. Gollan, and in one race paid dividends of over £18.

About this time, Mr. Gollan, having engaged Mr. Percy Martin, who had been training and racing horses in the district for some seasons, started to get a racing stud together, and was regularly present or represented at the ringside when yearlings and blood stock came up for disposal North and South. He made purchases from time to time, and though he secured some bargains—Tirailleur, for example, at 110 guineas—price did not stop him when he meant buying, and he paid for the Nordenfeldt—Frailty yearling at the Wellington Park sale of 1890 what was then the highest sum ever given for a yearling south of the line. Some notes written by "Spectator" at the time may be quoted here:—"Quite a number of leading racing men from Australia had set their hearts on having the Frailty colt, and it was considered likely that he would fall to the nod of one of the many who were present in person or represented, but this was not to be. There were two New Zealand owners who steadily competed for the promising youngster. Standing on the left of the auctioneer, Mr. James

Philson, was Mr. Gollan, and with piston-rod-like regularity came the response, 'and twenty-five,' capping each successive bid of his opponent, Mr. Dan O'Brien, who, when he heard the words 'and twenty-five' following his bid of eighteen hundred guineas, promptly replied, 'Two thousand guineas, and I'm done;' but hardly had the bid been made when came the inevitable 'and twenty-five,' and at 2,025 guineas Mr. Gollan became the owner of the highest-priced yearling ever sold under the hammer in the Southern Hemisphere." This colt he called Mousquetaire, and a fine one he was, though just a bit faulty in the fore legs, and he failed to stand a preparation. Tirailleur, who was an earlier purchase, did Mr. Gollan good service, and won the Hawke's Bay Guineas, Hawke's Bay J.C. Handicap, Napier Stakes, New Zealand Cup, Canterbury Cup, Great Northern Derby, and Wanganui Derby, and other events, and was taken to Australia, where he fell while running in the Melbourne Cup, and received fatal injuries.

With the aid of Bonnie Scotland, Mr. Gollan won the Australian Jockey Club's Derby in 1894, and Sternchaser finished second in the Australian Cup to Portsea; Pounamu was placed in the Caulfield Guineas of 1893, and the V.R.C. Derby of that year, and Bessie Macarthy ran with credit; while in New Zealand races were won with Namoa, Jet d'Eau, Tiraillerie, Tiré, Captain Webb, Darnley, Kimberley, Ival, Tirant d'Eau, and others, the chief being the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes with Namoa, the Hawke's Bay and Napier Cups with Tiré, the Northern Champagne with Tiraillerie, and the New Zealand Cup with Tirant d'Eau, who was a good horse on the day at his weight, but did not run up to form in England. Mr. Gollan was unlucky with quite a number of good horses he had sent from New Zealand, Waiuku being the most notable. This son of St. Leger was probably much the best, and had he not become affected in doing the trip Home he could not have failed to do his owner credit.

Mr. Gollan was fond of jumping horses, and had quite a number of them from time to time, and the satisfaction of seeing his colours carried to victory in several important cross-country events. Norton, a useful conveyance under weight and over big fences, won him the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase, and a few cross-country races of minor importance at Home. Mr. Gollan rode Norton himself when he won the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase. With Kimberley, a dun-coloured gelding, he had a useful representative in Australia over hurdles; and Ebor, an Australian purchase, proved himself a good horse over hurdles and a handy country, but not over long courses, in the colonies and at Home; but neither Opae nor Toriki, who were successful in New Zealand, were successful in England. With Australian Star and Seahorse II. some good and bad luck was experienced, but several times, both on the flat and over hurdles, Mr. Gollan

had good wins with the aid of Australian Star. The pleasure of his life, however, would be in winning the Liverpool Grand National with a New Zealand horse, brought to the post by his New Zealand trainer Hickey, and, indeed, it was a good advertisement for Maoriland and compensation for the pluck Mr. Gollan had shown in attempting the task. We all know he had a suitable horse for the country. Moifaa, who was got by Natator, has a history. His dam, Denbigh, was a daughter of The Painter, and was secured before racing for ten old cows, as related in the biography of Mr. Martin Baird, on page 83. Denbigh's granddam was a few weeks old when her dam won a race at Hawera, but, breaking her leg next day while racing, had to be destroyed; consequently, Moifaa is descended from a hand-reared ancestress.

An incident in connection with the New Zealand Cup victory of Tirailleur is worth relating. Mr. Gollan used to back his horses well, and when Tirailleur scored he threw in for a fair win, and received a lot of money on the eve of his departure from Christchurch for Wellington. On reaching his cabin in the company of a friend, he transferred this money to his belltopper, which he locked in his hat-box. During the afternoon after his arrival he became aware that that part of his travelling effects had not been brought to his hotel, and the steamer had by this time proceeded on to Sydney. Some men would have lost their heads under such circumstances. Not so Mr. Gollan, who quietly announced to his friend what had happened, and walked to the Union S.S. Company's office, and asked them to wire to Sydney for the return of his hat-box on arrival of the steamer. This was done, and in due course it came to hand, and still contained the £900 odd of Tirailleur's winnings which had been placed there.

Mr. Gollan has a fairly large stud of thoroughbreds on his station at Mangatarata, Hawke's Bay, which is managed by Mr. De Pelechet.

**Mr. HUGO FRIEDLANDER**
**A Canterbury Owner and Breeder.**

# MR. HUGO FRIEDLANDER.

Mr. Hugo Friedlander has, in recent years, devoted much attention to racing in New Zealand, and has got together one of the finest breeding studs in the colony at Kelburne, near Tinwald, Ashburton, Canterbury. He arrived in New Zealand from Kolmar, in Prussia, as a lad in 1869, and took employment at Temuka with the firm of Mendelson, grain merchants, who, recognising his ability, after a few months started him in a branch business at Ashburton, which, after a few years, he took over in conjunction with his brothers Rudolph and Max, and carried on with success, establishing one of the very largest grain agencies in New Zealand there.

Early in the seventies Mr. Hugo Friedlander met with an accident through a sack of wheat bursting, and causing a stack to slip. Prior to that time he was one of the smartest amateur horsemen in his district, and always had a love for horses, and assisted at the local meetings. Amongst the horses that he raced successfully in Canterbury and Otago may be mentioned Cannonshot, Coinage, Double Event, Speculator, and Annoyance, prior to starting a racing stable in Auckland, and he has had horses trained also in Ashburton and at Riccarton. Amongst those he had in Auckland, Gladisla, Kamo, Sans Peur, Roseshield, Cyrus, Ropa, Kelburne, Gladstone, Kilmarnock, and Stepaway, may be mentioned as winners. Scylla, Catherine Gordon, Fly, Stepaway, Kelburne, and others won races also for Mr. Friedlander in the South. The most important races Mr. Friedlander has won are the Avondale Stakes and Guineas, the Northern Champagne Stakes, Auckland Guineas, New Zealand St. Leger, Hastings Stakes, and a number of handicap events.

At the Kelburne Stud, the sires Pilgrim's Progress and Finland, purchased in Australia, each of which has now a good many young representatives coming on, are the most used, and a select lot of some forty mares, mostly young, are located there. Most of the mares have been selected from leading studs in New Zealand and Australia, and the mating of the highly-successful imported horse Pilgrim's Progress with quite half the number, and mares from outside owners, should result well, and there is no reason why Finland should not achieve distinction. Mr. Harry Thomson, at one time a prominent horseman, and for some years in charge of the Middle Park and Enfield Studs, has been managing at the Kelburne Stud since it was started.

As Mr. Friedlander had not been enjoying good health for some time, that gentleman recently intimated that he might at no distant date put the whole of the sires, mares and foals in his very select stud in the market and dispose of

**Mr. W. T. WOOD, M.H.R.,**
**Ex-President Manawatu Racing Club.**

them by public auction; but it is hoped that such a course will not be adopted, as there is room in the South Island for such a stud. With such a proved success as Pilgrim's Progress as leading sire, and Finland, a horse of great promise, the youngsters bred at Kelburne should be of the best from such mares as are to be found on the estate, from most of which there are yearlings and foals by one or other of the sires mentioned.

The mares comprise:—Wheedler,, by Stonyhurst, dam Flatterer; Countess of Kolmar, by Calma, dam Essie; Alumini, by Patron, dam Agate, by Newmaster; La Gloria, by St. Leger, dam Charente; Circlet and Corusa, by Medallion from Iris; Parera, by Cuirassier, dam Albatross; Melusina, by Tasman, dam Nautilus; Mercia, by Grand Cross, dam Wheedler; Papilla, by Phaethon, dam Iris; Kate Craig (imported), by Pilgrim's Progress, dam Kate Dalrymple; Portia, by Bill of Portland, dam Happy Land; Gossip, by Wallace, dam Caroline; Rufine, by Carlyon, dam Sylvan Queen; Escapade, by Pilgrim's Progress, dam Ibera; Lysia, by Glorious, dam Mangana; Rumour, by Eiridspord, dam Eleusis; Myth, by Eiridspord, dam Elfie; Annabelle, by Lionel, dam Anna; Wepner, by Musketry, dam Mistral; Punamu, by St. Hippo, dam Jadestone, Gladisla, by Seaton Delaval, dam Miss Gladys; Romany Lass, by Gipsy Grand, dam Iris; Firefly, by Artillery dam Fairy Maid; Sans Peur, by Soult, dam Forme; Waitemata, by Eiridspord, dam Aorere; Sybil, by Leolinine, dam Atalanta; St. Loire, by St. Leger, dam Charente; Jadestone, by Sword Dance, dam Onyx; Robinilla, by Robinson Crusoe, dam Campanilla; Certificate (imp.), by Avontes, dam Makesure; Grasne, by Gipsy Grand, dam Iris; Hikipene, by St. Hippo, dam Anna; Roseshield, by Hotchkiss, dam Rose of Wellington; Aello, by Clanranald, dam Iris; Zigana, by Cuirassier, dam Anita; Obligation, by Obligardo, dam Countess of Kolmar; Tapuwai, by Seaton Delaval, dam Waitemata; Stepaway, by Stepniak, dam Kate Greenaway; and others.

## MR. W. T. WOOD.

Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.R., is one of the best-known residents of Palmerston North, and has been a member, steward, and committeeman of the Manawatu Racing Club almost continuously since 1887, and was President of that institution for a term. Mr. Wood has also filled the position of Mayor of Palmerston North, and has always been a member of, and a prominent worker in connection with, the flourishing Manawatu Agricultural and Pastoral Association. He is the present sitting member for the district in the House of Representatives.

**Mr. J. B. HARCOURT**
**President of the Wellington Racing Club.**

## MR. J. B. HARCOURT.

Mr. J. B. Harcourt, President of the Wellington Racing Club, has been associated with the commercial and social life of Wellington for a considerable period, and has been President of the Wellington Racing Club for several years, and was Vice-President for some years previously. During his connection with that institution he has proved himself an earnest worker for its success, a capital entertainer, and one who has done a great deal to popularise his club with Wellington race-goers and visitors from all parts of the colony and further afield. Mr. Harcourt does not run horses himself, but lays himself out to look after the interests of those who do, and is one of those enterprising members who, with confidence in the future of racing in Wellington in particular, and New Zealand in general, have entered into the purchase for the Wellington Racing Club of an extensive property, and contracts for the completion of an up-to-date course at Silverstream, in the Hutt Valley, which, it is estimated, will cost somewhere in the region of £35,000. It is anticipated that when the Hutt railway line is straightened and completed visitors from Wellington City will be carried right on to the course, as is done at Riccarton, Canterbury, in less than thirty minutes; and Mr. Harcourt is one of those who look forward with confidence to the attainment of successes such as have never been achieved in the history of the sport in Wellington as a result of the comprehensive undertaking entered upon in the interests of the people of Wellington and racing patrons from far and near.

**Mr. OLIVER SAMUEL**
**Ex-President of the Taranaki Jockey Club.**

# MR. OLIVER SAMUEL.

Mr. Oliver Samuel, President and Chairman of Committee of the Taranaki Jockey Club, the senior in age and the metropolitan body for all clubs within the old provincial boundaries of Taranaki, was born at St. Helois, Jersey, and came to New Zealand with his father, Dr. Samuel, as a child in 1855, since when, with the exception of occasional trips to Europe and other parts of the world, he has resided in the colony. He was educated at Nelson College, and after trying his hand in the Civil Service, in quartz reefing at the Thames, and at kauri gum-digging in the North of Auckland, and again in the Civil Service, he studied law under, and managed the business of, the late Mr. William Sefton Moorhouse, at Wellington, and was called to the Bar and admitted as a solicitor in 1878.

After practising a short time in conjunction with Mr. Moorhouse and his then partner, Mr. Justice Edwards, Mr. Samuel settled in New Plymouth in 1879, and not only soon acquired one of the biggest businesses in the colony, but has taken a very active part in the semi-public and social life of New Plymouth, and has, as already stated, filled the presidential chair of the Taranaki Jockey Club for some years, and is President of the Taranaki Club, the District Law Society, and Cricket and Football Clubs

From 1884 to 1891, Mr. Samuel represented New Plymouth in the House of Representatives, but he then retired from politics, although with an unopposed return in view, and has since persistently refused to re-enter the political arena. In 1902 he retired from general business as a solicitor, but he still keeps himself from "rusting" by counsel and Supreme Court work, and has devoted no end of time to the work of perfecting the racing machinery, or, in other words, the racing laws of New Zealand, having for several years represented the Taranaki Jockey Club at the annual Racing Conference, and been very frequently selected as one of the judges to hear and decide racing appeals from other parts of the colony. Thus he has had many opportunities of learning how ambiguous and imperfect the rules of racing have been, and at the Racing Conference of July, 1904, was one of a select committee appointed thereat to revise and reconstruct the racing code for New Zealand. This object he strenuously endeavoured to bring about for some time previously without success, until clubs throughout the colony saw the expediency and desirableness of amendments thereto, particularly in the direction of clearer definition, and so instructed their delegates to support the motion which ended in the complete revision being undertaken by Sir George Clifford, Mr. Hugo Friedlander, and the subject of this sketch.

**Mr. W. H. HERRIES, M.H.R.**
**A Country Racing Delegate.**

## MR. WILLIAM HERBERT HERRIES, M.H.R.

Mr. Herries, who was born in London in the year 1859, has spent the greater part of his life in New Zealand, since it was in the year 1881 that he came to this colony and settled in the Waikato, near Te Aroha. From the outset he has taken a keen interest in political life, and in the year 1896 was elected a member of the House of Representatives for the Bay of Plenty. It is not with his political career, however, that the editor is concerned. He is recognised as a fair fighter, and a stickler for the rights of his constituents, and as he early showed a taste for racing, which he had cultivated when at Eton and Cambridge University—which is very close to Newmarket—several of the country racing clubs of Auckland conceived the idea that he would make an excellent representative to act for them on the Racing Board of Control, which meets in annual conference in Wellington, and the Thames Jockey Club nominated him in 1898 for the position he now holds as a country delegate. No more zealous worker is to be found on the Board. He is one of those who believe that small meetings, with which North New Zealand, and Auckland in particular, is so lavishly provided, should be looked upon as goodly omens for the success of the leading of all our national pastimes, not only as showing the general popularity of racing, as most of them exist without the aid of the totalisator, but as feeders to the more pretentious ones. His experience of country racing is more extensive, probably, than that of any delegate who attends the annual turf parliaments. The country clubs have an excellent advocate in their representative. He is Patron of the Rotorua Jockey Club, President of the South Auckland Racing Club and Te Aroha Jockey Club, besides numerous smaller racing institutions of the North, both in and outside his constituency. Though Mr. Herries does not race, he breeds a few thoroughbreds. He takes a good deal of interest in racing management generally, and speaks well of the way most of the registered clubs conduct their affairs. Mr. Herries is married to a daughter of the late Mr. E. F. Roche, who will be remembered as the breeder of Hohoro and Strathnairn.

**Mr. J. HERBERT HANKINS**
**A Palmerston North Official.**

## MR. J. HERBERT HANKINS.

Mr. Hankins came from Herefordshire to New Zealand in the year 1863. His father was a well-known owner in England, for whom Tom Oliver, of Wiltshire, and Thomas Stevens, of Berkshire, trained many horses. The subject of our sketch then had imbibed a love of the sport long before reaching these shores. One incident with which he was connected recalls the racing of early days in New Zealand, when racing was carried on without the lavish appointments of these later days, but with quite as much, if not more, enthusiasm. In Hokitika, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand—then plain R. J. Seddon —owned a good sort of mare named Red Rose, and the winning of the Volunteer Cup was his ambition. No qualified rider, however, could be found, but it leaked out that Mr. Hankins was holding a commission in a volunteer force, and that being the necessary qualification, he was immediately pressed into the position, and, riding the mare, won handsomely. Mr. Hankins has raced a few horses in this colony from time to time, amongst others Bush Girl, Sea Breeze, Puawai, and Endymion, and with the two last won some small races.

Since the year 1882 Mr. Hankins has resided in Palmerston North. He has represented the Wellington country clubs on the Racing Conference, and is responsible for the rules providing for the registration of racing clubs and other racing reforms. As President of the Manawatu Racing Club and a member of the Committee for very many years, he has done good and substantial work for the royal sport in the Manawatu district. Mr. Hankins is a member of the well-known firm of Hankins and Loughnan, solicitors, of Palmerston North. The junior partner of the firm is now President of the Manawatu Racing Club.

**Mr. LARRY MARKEY**
**One of the Old Brigade.**

# MR. LARRY MARKEY.

It was at Carrickmacross, in the County of Monaghan, Ireland, in 1836, that Larry Markey, the well-known owner, trainer and studmaster, condescended to make his first appearance, and it wasn't a bad place either, for, as his father dealt largely in horses, Larry had plenty of riding almost from the jump, so to speak. Strong became his fondness for sport, and in order to check a natural inclination for racing, his father sent him to some relatives who were settled in Tasmania. He landed from the ship Mobile in Melbourne in 1852, and started breaking horses, his chief occupation for twelve months, after which time he went over to an uncle and an aunt in Tasmania, which, so far as sport was concerned, to use his own words, he found a land of Goshen. It was at Campbelltown that he saw his first race after arrival. This was the Great Midland Steeplechase, won by Mr. George Watson, afterwards famed as a starter and owner, on Lottery, with Mr. Tim Harrington on Dr. McNamara's Ivanhoe second, Charlie Parker, ridden by Mr. Map Wood, third, and Mr. James Wilson, afterwards founder of the famous St. Alban's stud, fourth, on Fidget.

Mr. Markey started racing a mare by Peter Finn, which he called Moll in the Wad. After winning at the first time of asking, he sold her to Sir William Dennison, the then Governor of Tasmania, for a good round sum, but was not long in procuring others, Ariel, by Birmingham, Crazy Jane, by Vanish, Miss Nightingale and Euphrates, being some that he raced with satisfactory results. Birdcatcher, by Jersey from Amelia, was the first sire he ever owned. A steeplechaser named Paddy, and a flat-racer called Fairy Boy that he had, were burnt to death. After that Mr. Markey returned to Victoria, where he raced a few horses with success until he came to New Zealand in 1862, bringing with him a mare by Joe Banks called The Jilt, which he sold for what proved a valueless piece of paper.

Soon after arriving in Canterbury, Mr. Markey settled at Kowai Bush, and started wool-carting from the back country, and at the same time breeding and racing a few horses, the first he raced in New Zealand being Bruiser, by Tom King. Then he sent to Australia and got Messenger, who left his mark as a sire of jumpers, Rouser and The Lad being both good ones. His stock also showed a natural inclination to trot, some of the best trotting horses to-day having a dash of the Messenger blood. Messenger was accidentally killed, and Mr. Markey went to Australia and brought over Python and Hibernian, and in conjunction with Mr. Henley bought The Chief from Mr. Henry Redwood. About that time Mr. Markey bought the Tasmanian-bred Mousetrap, who ran a dead heat for second place in Mala-

**Mr. ROBERT TURNBULL**
**Owner of Boris.**

bar's Canterbury Derby with Waterwitch, dam of Lurline and maternal ancestress of so many great horses. Mousetrap brought the name of Larry Markey more prominently before the people of New Zealand than ever, and his owner reckons he was the best cross-country horse he ever saw, and certainly there was no course too long or country too stiff for him. From Mr. Dan O'Brien Mr. Markey bought Johnny Faulkner, and also had Aquarius and Flinders, and bred and raced Remorse and Maria Martin, and numerous others.

After racing for over fifty years, Mr. Markey prides himself on being able to say that he has never been called upon to explain the running of his horses, but admits that it has often been his pleasure to be invited to interview the stewards and take a glass of wine with them.

## MR. R. T. TURNBULL.

Mr. R. T. Turnbull, who is a member of a very old Wellington family, and a Vice-President of the Wellington Racing Club, takes a very keen interest in sport, but is only a comparatively recent accession to the ranks of owners, his first venture being in taking a third interest in the Seaton Delaval—Waitemata colt Porirua, who won, amongst other races, the Northern Champagne Stakes and North Island Challenge Stakes. Subsequently he purchased on his own account, as a yearling, the Stepniak colt Boris, and placed him in the hands of J. H. Prosser, and had the satisfaction of winning in his first season the Hawke's Bay Stakes and Auckland Champagne Stakes. During the present season Boris won the Great Northern Auckland Guineas in the absence in England of his owner, who, since his return to New Zealand, has had the satisfaction of seeing the colt run prominently in other classic events, and win handicap events. Mr. Turnbull has, during the year, been in evidence at the yearling sales, and clearly intends to be a regular patron of the sport. While in England, Mr. Turnbull saw the New Zealand horse Moifaa win the Liverpool Grand National, and saw the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, Ascot St. Leger, and the Oaks run for. Mr. Turnbull's registered colours are turquoise blue jacket and cap.

**Mr. J. W. ABBOTT**
**Owner of Achilles.**

## "MR. J. MONK."

The gentleman who races under the assumed name of "Mr. J. Monk" came to this colony in 1890 from the West of England, where he was born, and it was not until the year 1896-7 that he became an owner, or part owner really, for he then joined with "Mr. Douglas Gordon" and Mr P. E. Baldwin in the purchase of the racehorse Boreas, which was placed in the hands of the well-known trainer J. H. Prosser, at Porirua, Wellington. A little while afterwards Tortulla and Ostiak were acquired as yearlings, the first-named being bred by Mr. Mackersay, of Hawke's Bay, while Ostiak was bred by Mr. Sinclair Thompson, of Dunedin. Both were at first leased, but subsequently purchased outright. Early in 1900 Messrs. Monk and Gordon acquired Mr. P. E. Baldwin's interest in Boreas, Tortulla and Ostiak, and also his lease of the well-known racehorse Advance, which he held from Mr. Donald Fraser, the breeder of the latter. At the midsummer sales at Auckland in 1900-1, Porirua and Rawiri were purchased as yearlings. "Mr. Monk" went to Australia in 1901, when Advance was raced there, and at the sales of yearlings in Sydney in April, their trainer, Prosser, purchased seven yearlings on account of Messrs. Gordon and Monk, and, as showing the judgment exercised by him, and the continued good fortune of the partners, the famous racehorse Achilles and the useful handicap performers Exmoor and Ghoorka were of the number, while others raced with some success. While racing in association with "Mr. Douglas Gordon," Boreas won, amongst other races, the C.J.C. Stewards' Handicap, Manawatu Cup, Great Easter Handicap; Tortulla the New Zealand Cup and Manawatu Cup; and Advance the Wanganui Cup, C.J.C. Jubilee Cup, Dunedin Cup, and set the seal on his fame by winning the Wellington Cup, carrying 10st. 4lb., and winning in the then record time of 2min. 34 1-5th sec. Besides these races, he won many others, including the Easter and Autumn Handicaps and Century Stakes in Auckland, and ran with great distinction in Australia, both in Victoria and New South Wales, winning something like £7,000 in stakes altogether during his career. Ghoorka, amongst other achievements, won the Wanganui Cup, Dunedin Cup, and Napier Park Cup.

The victories of Achilles, who, unfortunately, only claimed a few clasic engagements in New Zealand, have been gained on the metropolitan courses of Wellington, Canterbury, Wanganui, Auckland, and Hawke's Bay, and comprise the Middle Park Plate, Wanganui Guineas, Hawke's Bay Stakes, C.J.C. Jubilee Cup, Auckland Century Stakes, Wellington Stakes (twice), Jackson Stakes (twice), Canterbury Jockey Club's Challenge

**Mr. J. D. DUNCAN**
**A Wellington Sportsman.**

Stakes, 1905, and other races. That horse's winnings up to the end of the season of 1904-5 amount to upwards of £5,000. He is regarded as one of the most brilliant horses seen in New Zealand, and is amongst the most promising of many fine sons in point of conformation that Medallion has left. "Mr. Monk" has for some time past raced Achilles and other horses in which "Mr. Douglas Gordon" was interested with him on his own account.

## "MR. DOUGLAS GORDON."

The *nom de cours* of "Douglas Gordon" was adopted by the gentleman whose portrait appears on the opposite page, and though the chestnut gelding Gobo, by Puriri, from the Painter mare Germaine, was his sole property when he won the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap and New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase, he was, as already stated in the biography of "Mr. J. Monk" on the preceding page, a partner in the ownership of those good horses Tortulla, Boreas, Achilles, and others, and in the lease of Advance, prior to which he had done no racing. It is understood that "Mr. Douglas Gordon" has relinquished this branch of sport with the intention of devoting attention to the breeding of thoroughbred stock near Wellington, where he has a country estate and some blood mares. Recently, in conjunction with Mr. J. B. Reid, the imported sire St. Ambrose, by St. Simon, was purchased in Australia.

**Mr. CHARLES MAJOR, M.H.R.**
**A Taranaki Owner.**

## MR. C. E. MAJOR, M.H.R.

Charles Edwin Major, M.H.R., of Hawera, was born in Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, and from the date of his arrival when a lad in the early seventies he was always intimately associated as an active participant with sport. He shone as a champion runner from 100 yards to a quarter of a mile, and won the first public swimming contest in Wellington. When seventeen years of age he played for Wellington as a football rep., and afterwards for Gisborne, and then for Taranaki for many years. In the early days in the Empire City he was celebrated among his boy confreres for his nerve in diving from almost any height into shallow water. He tackled successfully many sports—running, coursing, shooting—and for the past twenty years has raced horses with varying degrees of success. His chocolate and white colours are well known on almost every North Island course. Among the horses raced by the subject of this sketch we recall Home Rule, Rewa, Waverley, Headford, Docility, Tommy Atkins, Faugh-a-ballagh, Bowman, and Crimson Streak. He bred many of the horses he raced, and continues to breed a few each year. He has experienced more bad than good luck in his racing career, but, with the true instinct of a game one, sticks resolutely to the sport, and to-day is probably the only actual owner in Taranaki who has raced without cessation during the past twenty odd years. Mr. Major has filled many important public positions, being elected Mayor of his town at the early age of twenty-three, and at intervals filled the Mayoral chair for twelve years. This is a record for a practically young man. He has been District Coroner for many years, and member of many local bodies, and at one time was Captain of the Hawera Rifles. Notwithstanding his many athletic contests, unlike most who retire from active participation, he keeps in good fettle, and his 12st. 7lb. is nearly all muscle. He carries on his business as land and financial agent in Hawera, and is known as a clear, level-headed man of affairs, who, during his business career, has invariably done well for his clients and for himself.

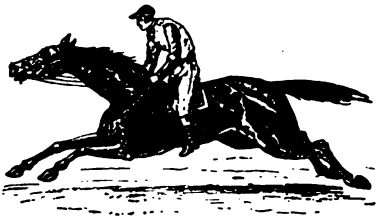
**Mr. WALTER YOUNG,**
**Late Owner of Convoy**

# MR. WALTER YOUNG.

Mr. Walter Vincent Young, whose portrait appears opposite, was born at Orakei, Remuera, Auckland, and his father, the late Mr. William Young, first Collector of Customs in Auckland, came to New Zealand with Governor Hobson, and will be remembered by many as a first-class cricketer. Mr. Young is a cousin to the prominent English sportsman, Sir Edgar Vincent, who has had several New Zealand racehorses representing him on the English turf, also cousin of Sir Howard Vincent, Chief of Police of London. Like many Auckland-born boys, Walter early developed a love for sport, but it was not until he went to the Egmont (Taranaki) district to reside that he started racing and became an owner. Mr. Young has raced a few horses of a useful class, some of them with a fair amount of success, but not unfrequently with what may be put down to bad luck, Cuckoo, a good all-round gelding of whom the best was never seen, being one of his first representatives.

Convoy, whom he sold early in the present year, was the best horse he has owned—a horse with a very brilliant run, like many of defunct Vanguard's progeny, but not too good a beginner. Convoy won a good many races for Mr. Young at different distances and under big imposts, but he also ran many seconds, meeting with persistent regularity in most of his races something that developed unexpected form.

Mr. Young has made racing and racing rules a study, and some time after Convoy had run second to Gladsome in the Wellington Cup, and also in the Wellington R.C. Handicap, in record times for this colony, viz., 2min. 33sec. for the mile and a-half, and 2min. 7sec. for the mile and a-quarter, preferred a claim to the stakes on the ground that Gladsome's rider, an apprentice, F. Jones, had not been licensed to ride in accordance with racing rules, and ultimately, on an appeal to the Racing Conference, recovered the stakes. As a result of the finding, another owner, Mr. Jeffs, claimed and recovered stakes on similar grounds, and a good many more in different parts of the colony could have done the same thing, but preferred not to exercise their right on what were clearly technical breaches of the racing code. One result of this case, a hard one in the extreme for Mr. J. B. Reid, the then owner of Gladsome, has been to bring about an amendment of the rules and to cause owners to exercise more care in making their entries and in seeing that riders are properly qualified before engaging them, a responsibility that more properly should be placed upon the racing clubs of the colony before allowing them to ride.



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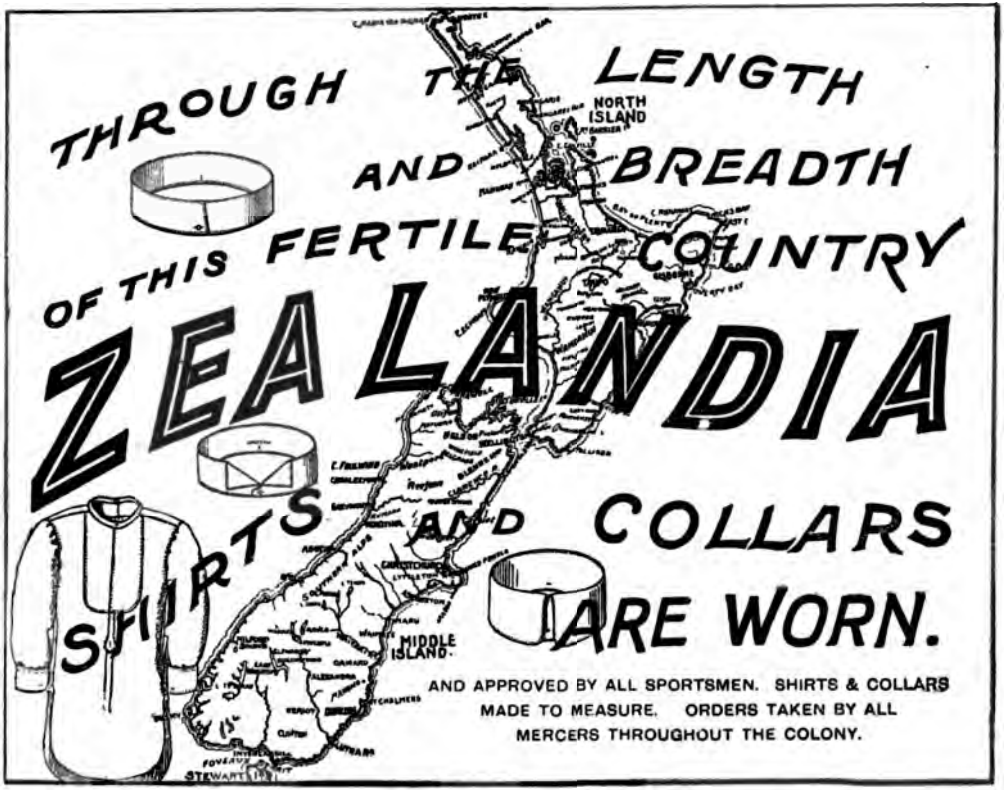
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**Mr. F. W. COOMBES**
**A Prominent Coursing Judge.**

## MR. FRANK W. COOMBES.

Mr. Coombes is an Englishman by birth, and has resided in the colonies for over twenty years. Like most men reared in the Old Country, and educated at one of its big colleges, he has a thorough love of sport. Indeed, with him it is difficult to say which pastime has the greatest fascination. When quite a boy he was present at the first race meeting held at Kempton Park, England, while his first Derby was when Doncaster ran home in front of the dead-heaters Kaiser and Gang Forward. Since then Mr. Coombes has attended innumerable meetings in England, France, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, and has on occasions occupied the judge's box at various meetings in the colony.

He also inherited a love of coursing, and even in schoolboy days every holiday was devoted to the long tails, he subsequently attending coursing gatherings all over the South of England. He was the first Secretary for the New South Wales Coursing Association, having, indeed, convened the meeting which brought that Association into being. Mr. Coombes for some seasons acted as judge for the Avondale and Auckland Coursing Clubs. He is also an ardent lover of aquatics, having in his younger days devoted a good deal of time to rowing and swimming, and also to yachting. On the last-named pastime he is quite an authority, and under the *nom de plume* of "The Reefer" has written innumerable articles on the sport. He was at one time Hon. Secretary of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

Mr. Coombes is also a tennis player of some skill, and has acted as Hon. Secretary of the Auckland Tennis Club. He has, in addition, won trophies at bowling, and is a member of the Auckland Bowling Club, and has been closely connected with athletics for many years. In this latter connection he acted for some seasons for the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club and the various schools as judge of walking, having in days past himself been a speedy exponent of the heel and toe game. Mr. Coombes is a journalist by profession, and has been connected with the Sydney *Referee*, the *Town and Country Journal*, and the *Evening News*, and is now editor of the *N.Z. Sporting and Dramatic Review*.

**Mr. G. B. STARKY**
**Master of the Brackenfield Hounds.**

## MR. G. B. STARKY.

Mr. George Bayntun Starky, Master of the Brackenfield Hounds, is one of the best-known sportsmen in the South Island. He was born at Spy's Park, Wilts, in 1858, educated at Marlborough, and served through the Zulu war in 1879. He came to New Zealand and bought Brackenfield Estate in 1881, and two years later started the Brackenfield Hounds, and hunted them till 1889, and has been Master off and on ever since. The pack consists of fifteen couples, mostly tan or badger pied, and is acknowledged to be one of the most even in the colony, and many a brilliant run has been recorded during the past sixteen years by "Tally Ho," who has rarely been absent from a meet, or absent from the columns of the *Press* and *Referee* since he took up the position of hunting correspondent, so that it may be said that the doings of the Brackenfield have been faithfully recorded.

Mr. Starky has raced a few of his jumpers, and with Michael Scott won several steeplechases, and with Lounger the first Hunt Club Hurdle Race ever run for at the New Zealand Grand National Meeting, and which has maintained a place on all programmes since and become very popular. Mr. Starky was one of the founders of the Amberley Steeplechases, and in 1901 started the Horse Show at Amberley, and was President in that year and in 1902 and 1904. He was the first President of the Canterbury Sheepowners' Union in 1902, and is President of the Amberley Steeplechase Club, has been a successful exhibitor of horses and turn-outs at the various Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association Shows, drives a long team or a tandem equally well, is a good shot, and would travel more than a mile to witness a boxing contest between capable exponents of the noble art. Since Mr. Starky took the Mastership of the Brackenfield in 1889, Messrs. R. J. Parsons, J. G. Macdonald, and F. Rickman have been Huntsmen, and the country hunted extends from Waiau on the north to Waimakariri on the south, the settlers according a most hearty welcome all along the line to the Brackenfield Hunt and the popular Master.

**Mr. WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN**
**Master of the Pakuranga Hounds.**

## MR. W. McLAUGHLIN.

Mr. W. McLaughlin is another old Auckland settler and sportsman. He has taken a kindly interest in racing, and lent his support as a member and committeeman of the Auckland Racing Club for many years, and also acted as President and Vice-President for some time. He was born in Peru, on the west coast of South America, in 1837, came to Auckland in 1862, and settled at Puhi-nui, Papatoitoi, where he has ever since remained. Lovers of the chase well know that old tryst. Many a hunting breakfast has been partaken of there, and many a rattling good run enjoyed round about the Puhi-nui Mountain, which stands out as a land-mark on the property, and will remain so in the memories of hunting folk generally. Mr. W. McLaughlin was for a number of seasons Master of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, which position he again resumed on Mr. O'Rorke leaving for England, and has only missed two seasons' hunting during the thirty years it has been in existence. He is hale and hearty—a typical English hunting squire, as seen on his cob at the meets—and every member, it may be said, looks upon his presence at the regular meets of this, one of the oldest hunting clubs, with pleasurable feelings. Mr. McLaughlin has had a few good mounts during his hunting career, and knows how to look after his horses, for he rides with discretion, and invariably has a bit in hand when a final run is being gone through. On Nimrod, Cardinal, The Drummer, and Dad, Mr. McLaughlin has enjoyed many a good run. There are two things that may appear wanting to complete the portrait of Mr. McLaughlin to the fancy of followers of the P.H.C., viz., a pipe and the familiar green coat, the livery of the Pakuranga Hunt, which Mr. McLaughlin was one of the first to wear.

In the year 1886, Mr. McLaughlin having arranged for a trip to England, his hunting and other friends tendered him a big banquet at the Star Hotel, Auckland, then, as now, a leading house in New Zealand.

**Mr. DAN RIDDIFORD**
**Master of the Rangitikei Hounds.**

## MR. D. G. RIDDIFORD.

Mr. Dan. Riddiford, of "View Halloa," near Marton, was born in August, 1859, and educated at Uppingham, England, and afterwards went for a short period to Oxford, returning to this colony in 1879, after which he spent four years on his father's station in the Wairarapa. Mr. Riddiford, senr., was a Yorkshireman, and it would be strange indeed if Mr. Dan Riddiford had not displayed a love for horses and hounds. It was in 1885 that he took over the Rangitikei Hounds, and has been Master continuously during that time, and consequently holds a record for the colony. In addition, he is President of the New Zealand Hunt Clubs' Association, and is devoted to sport of every description. He has owned some first-class weight-carrying hacks, hunters and 'chasers, and has won numerous prizes at the various agricultural and pastoral association shows in Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, Manawatu, Wanganui, and the West Coast, especially in the jumping and weight-carrying classes; indeed, is very fond of horses that can lift themselves over formidable obstacles. Grey Piako, Spartan, Marangai, and Ruapehu are a quartette that may be specially mentioned as having done Mr. Riddiford good service. Mr. Riddiford, in the spring of 1904, imported a stud hound for the Rangitikei Kennels, and the hounds are said to be fast and suitable to the Marton-Rangitikei country. Mrs. Riddiford, who is an accomplished horsewoman, and, like her husband, very popular, has shared the joys of the chase with her husband and friends for the past fifteen years, seldom missing a day during that time when hounds were out. It should be mentioned here that Mr. Riddiford was an ardent polo player, and played No. 2 in the Rangitikei Polo Team when they won the Saville Cup in 1894.

**Mr. E. DENNIS O'RORKE**
**Late Master of the Pakuranga Hunt Club.**

## MR. E. DENNIS O'RORKE.

Mr. E. Dennis O'Rorke is a son of Sir Maurice O'Rorke, late Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand. He was educated at the Church of England Grammar School, Auckland, and afterwards at Christ's College, Cambridge University, England, where he did a lot of rowing. He has been a conspicuous figure in the hunting field for about thirty years, having enjoyed the pleasure of the chase in England and Australia and all parts of New Zealand, and was for several years Master of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, of which he is one of the oldest members, and no one could take more interest in the welfare of the institution than he and his popular wife have done. The Pakuranga Hunt Club have been most fortunate in their selection of Masters for this, the oldest established pack in the colony. Twenty years ago Mr. O'Rorke started playing polo, was captain of the Auckland Polo Club for several years, and played for Auckland in a representative team for the Saville Cup tournament, and also represented Canterbury in the same event, and played for Canterbury against Australian and Indian teams. Played for the Warwickshire Polo Club in England, and for the North Warwickshire Hunt Club in the Annual Hunt Cup at Ranaleagh, and has won any number of cups and prizes at polo sports.

Mr. O'Rorke has played golf for some years, and represented Canterbury against Otago, and also played for the Warwickshire Golf Club in several representative matches. Has been captain of the Auckland Golf Club, and won several prizes, and also prizes at lawn tennis and athletics. Has played a good deal of Rugby football, is keen on trout and salmon fishing, and has fished most New Zealand waters, and has done a good deal of shooting in both islands.

For years past there has been no more conspicuous figure at agricultural shows within the colony. Not only has Mr. O'Rorke been a large exhibitor and taken many prizes for hacks, hunters, harness horses, cobs, and polo ponies, but he has been a member of several associations, and is one of the committee of the Auckland A. and P. His services have been much in request as a judge of hacks, thoroughbreds, hunters, and light horses generally, at shows in different parts.

As a horseman, he has won a considerabe number of races on the flat and between the flags, and has raced a good many horses, the most notable being Huntsman, Irishman, Dan, Relation, Magpie, Kingswood, Amalgam, Hipstone, and Mars, the Wanganui Cup winner, who, at the age of 12 years, put up an

**Mr. CYRIL WHITE**
**Master of the Poverty Bay Hunt Club.**

Australian time record of 3min. 2 4-5th sec. for a mile and three-quarters, a unique performance for one of his age.

Mr. O'Rorke was a steward of the Auckland Racing Club until he left for England, where he purposes remaining for a few years.

## MR. CYRIL WHITE.

Mr. Cyril White was born at Chevington, the hunting seat of the old abbots of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, in 1860, and started hunting at twelve years of age with the Suffolk Hounds, his father and mother both being supporters and followers. His father was, indeed, the parson and squire of the parish, had his farm, and hunted three days a week, held the rectory, as his father had done before him and his grandfather, during periods extending back over 160 years, and was also a Justice of the Peace for Suffolk.

Mr. Cyril White was educated at Uppingham School, in Rutlandshire, England, and went to Assam in 1878 as a tea-planter, but the climate not suiting him he came out to New Zealand in the beginning of 1881, and went on Mr. Woodbine Johnston's estate at the Wairakaia run, Gisborne, as a cadet, Wairakaia being one of the earliest settlements. Early in 1905, after being ten years manager and five years an executor of the estate, he left there and took up his residence in Gisborne, the station hands, friends from country and town alike, and the natives joining in giving him a big send-off, presenting an address, and to himself and wife a quantity of handsome silver plate, suitably inscribed. Mr. White succeeded Mr. J. Harding as Master of the Poverty Bay Hounds, which position he occupied for three years until the break-up. He has been a member of both the Poverty Bay Turf Club and the Gisborne Racing Club for ten years, and is, and has been for most of the time, a steward and committeeman of both those racing institutions, and takes a keen interest in their welfare. If there were more lovers of hunting like Mr. White in the Bays, with the time to give to the sport, the music of the hounds would soon again be heard in those parts.

**Mr. J. H. C. BOND**
**Master of the Christchurch Hounds.**

## MR. J. H. C. BOND.

Mr. Bond, who has entered upon his second year as Master of the Christchurch Hounds, succeeded the late Mr. Parkinson, who took them over from Mr. Arthur Lyon the preceding year, Mr. Lyon having hunted them with much success for about twelve years. Mr. Bond was born at Romansleigh, in the County of Devon, in 1858, of which parish his father was rector, and started hunting at the age of six with Lord Portsmouth's Fox Hounds and Mr. Smith's Harriers, of South Molton, and left England in 1876, coming to Canterbury, and hunted with the Christchurch Hounds on and off ever since his arrival. Mr. Bond is deservedly popular with the farmers, a good man in the field, and receives the support of members generally, and the assistance of many of the older ones, who can be still counted amongst the straight-goers. Mr. Selby, son of Mr. Arthur Selby, Huntsman to the Pakuranga Hounds, has been associated with the Christchurch Hounds as Whip for several seasons.

**Mr. H. T. GORRIE**
**President of the Auckland Racing Club.**
**Ex-Master Pakuranga Hunt Club.**

## MR. H. T. GORRIE.

Mr. Harry Gorrie, who has been Vice-President and President in turn of the Auckland Racing Club, has for many years past been an active member, Steward, and Committeeman of that institution, and is recognised as one of the most useful of those who have filled such positions. He was also for some time Vice-President and a Steward of the Avondale Jockey Club, from which he resigned during the close of the season of 1904-5. For some years Mr. Gorrie was one of the prominent hunting members of the old-established Pakuranga Hunt Club, and was Master of that body for two seasons, and Deputy-Master for a term, positions he filled with credit and to the complete satisfaction of members; while amongst the prominent followers for a considerable time have been several members of his family. Mr. Gorrie has done a little racing, chiefly with jumping horses, and the one that comes in for special notice is his famous hunter-chaser, the Turquoise gelding Mozel, who won, amongst other events, the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Steeplechase of 1898, and who was noted for his good fencing qualifications.

Mr. Gorrie is a partner in the well-known auctioneering firm of Alfred Buckland and Sons, who sold the Wellington Park yearlings in 1894 and 1895, and have acted in conjunction with the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency in previous years.

**Mr. ARTHUR SELBY**
**Huntsman to the Pakuranga Hounds.**

# MR. ARTHUR SELBY.

Mr. Arthur Selby was born at Greatness, Seven Oaks, Kent, in 1845, educated there, and when eight years old commenced hunting with Squire Perkins' Beagles, and remembers the blue plush gaiters and jacket worn by the huntsman and his curly horn. A donkey was his first mount, but later on he rode his father's cob one or two days a season with the Surrey Stag Hounds, but ran mostly until 23 years of age, and from an early age, with his father, had sole control of a 600-acre farm. On his first day the Mid Kent Stag Hounds were out, Mr. Selby helped the huntsman, and hunted with them for many years; also with the West Kent Fox Hounds and Old Surrey Fox Hounds, and about that time had three couples of beagles of his own.

In 1884 Mr. Selby came out to New Zealand, and went to settle in the Forty Mile Bush, near Eketahuna, where he remained for seven years, during that time seeing very little of the sport of which he was so fond, though he was with the Wellington Hounds at Featherston and Greytown when they visited those districts. In 1893 Mr. Selby came to Auckland, and became a member of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, and after the first year was appointed Huntsman, which position he has held for eleven seasons, attending to the breeding, drafting, and management of the hounds, finding his own horses and their feed, and his own Whip, a position Mr. C. Selby, one of his sons, has filled well for some seasons.

Mr. Selby has had a good many horses through his hands, and made the 'chaser Hipstone, and sold a good horse in Mountain to Mr. Palliaret, of Christchurch. He has done most of his work with Dusky Jock, Albion, by Australian, and Defamer, by Opawa, and he considers the last-named, who is now entering upon his 26th year, and a remarkable horse, the best he has bestrode. During the eleven seasons he has ridden him, Defamer, whose life was saved under remarkable circumstances by his former owner years ago (see biography of Mr. Alf. Ellingham), has only been down on two occasions, and then in what in hunting parlance are called traps—a record surely.

Mr. Selby has judged at quite a number of Agricultural and Pastoral Association Shows in New Zealand, and is as keen on sport as ever. Last season he purchased and hunted the 'chaser Nor'-West, whom he uses while carrying out his duties as Clerk of the Course at the Auckland Racing Club's meetings, and has since won important steeplechase events with that evergreen old horse.

**Mr. HERBERT JACKSON**
**Huntsman, Horseman, Owner.**

## MR. H. H. JACKSON.

Mr. Herbert Jackson, of Norton, Brunswick, Wanganui, is the second son of the late Mr. Freeman Raney Jackson, who for over a quarter of a century was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Wanganui Jockey Club. He was educated at the Wanganui Collegiate School, and, like most Wanganui boys, learned to ride, and early cultivated a fondness for horses, of which he is no mean judge. He has, indeed, had some most useful ones through his hands, chiefly hurdle racers, steeplechasers, and hunters. For nine years he was huntsman to the Hawke's Bay Hounds, during the greater part of which time they were kennelled on his brother-in-law's, Mr. Mason's, estate at Te Aute. Like all other huntsmen, Mr. Jackson, though a capable horseman, has had quite his share of falls, and not a few rather bad ones, in the field. Of the many safe conveyances he has owned and ridden, he places a bay gelding known as Revenge, a fifteen-hander, as the best, that horse having proved as clever as the proverbial cat, and especially so over wire.

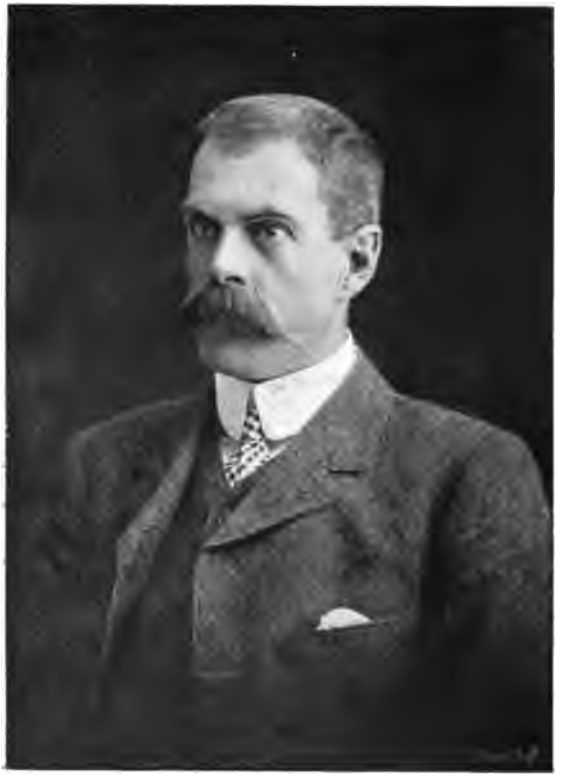
Mr. Jackson has a good record as an amateur rider between the flags, and amongst the many fencers he has ridden may be mentioned, Calamity, Mawhiti, Dan, Nukurau, Victrix, Revenge, Repo, Brenda, Hikuranga, Queenslander, Royston, Frisco, Hairlegs, Mammon, The Shearer, and Amalgam, and he has had a fair amount of success with some of these, as well as with others, in jumping contests at Agricultural Shows.

Some fifteen years ago Mr. Jackson visited Australia with his big upstanding gelding Queenslander, by Papapa, who raced first with success in New Zealand. With this horse he won a steeplechase soon after arriving in Victoria, but was beaten a head in the steeplechase at Caulfield on Boxing Day, after a great finish, and was second at Flemington on New Year's Day, only a length behind the winner.

On another occasion Mr. Jackson took a Wanganui-bred trotting gelding, which he named Woodlands, to Victoria, and achieved what would be considered to-day a wonderful performance, viz., winning three races in one afternoon on one of the Melbourne suburban courses. Woodlands was a good horse.

Probably the best of Mr. Jackson's steeplechasers was Victrix, half-sister to Morag and Roscius, and dam of Victory. His horses, which include several winners on the flat as well as over country, were raced for sport, and his successes were always popular.

Since retiring from the pigskin and settling down at his present home, Mr. Jackson has set out with the object of endeavour-



**Mr. NORMAN BANKS**
**Master of the Waikato Hounds.**

ing to breed annually a few hunters and carriage horses, by putting well-bred, well-grown mares to a pure imported Suffolk Punch stallion, an experiment which, so far as can be judged thus early, is likely to result well, as the youngsters bred on these lines appear to have lots of quality from the thoroughbred strain, and plenty of good bone and the right action from the other side.

## MR. NORMAN BANKS.

Mr. Norman Banks, Master of the Waikato Hounds, is well known throughout Auckland and the North as a hunting and racing enthusiast; indeed, there are few who follow sport more keenly. He is a good horseman, and is voted an excellent judge. There is hardly any part of the Waikato over which hounds have hunted that he has not been, and he is rarely badly horsed, and has had a hand in developing in the hunting field many a one that has turned out more than useful on country and metropolitan racecourses.

It is to the enthusiasm of such lovers of hunting as Mr. Banks that the sport has survived in many parts of New Zealand against the greatest difficulties, but the Waikato country has many advantages, and the settlers, many of whom take an active part at the regular meets, are not slow in placing their country at the service of the club over which Mr. Banks is Master, having succeeded Mr. Bullock-Webster, now Deputy-Master of the Pakuranga (Auckland) Hunt Club.

Amongst the horses Mr. Banks has raced may be mentioned Green and Gold, Star, Domino, Neck or Nothing, Kapai, Reckless, Vagabond, Bamboo, and the racing pony Kia Ora, who went to India.

**Mr. A. S. ELWORTHY**
**Master of the South Canterbury Hunt Club.**

# MR. A. S. ELWORTHY.

The name of Elworthy is as a household word in Canterbury, for the members of the family are all more or less identified with sport, and are regular patrons of hunting, and at the various hunt clubs' meetings are seldom absent or unrepresented. They are all horsemen, and not only take the field, but have been racing a few horses in recent years in hunting events, and occasionally ride their own horses in flat, hurdle, and cross-country events. Mr. Arthur Elworthy, whose photo. appears on the opposite page, has for some seasons past been Master of the old-established South Canterbury Hunt Club, one of the few associated hunt clubs of New Zealand to adopt a livery. A green coat, with buff collar and cuffs and red waistcoat, has been registered since the Association was formed. The South Canterbury Hounds hunt over a wide range of country, and the Master is rarely unable to show good sport. Hunting in the several districts in which they have entry has done much to develop the good qualities of many horses that have come out and raced successfully in the South Island, and, indeed, in different parts of the colony; horses, too, that would probably never have been known outside their own districts but for the popularity of this branch of sport. For years past there has been great rivalry, however, of the most healthy description, between the members of the various Hunt Clubs in Canterbury, and at New Zealand Grand National Meetings, about which time the Amberley Steeplechase Meetings are also held, they assemble in great force, and pit their hunters against each other; indeed, the hunting element from all parts of the colony has been very strong at the big annual carnival at Grand National time at Riccarton for very many years past, and these annual reunions are looked forward to with the keenest possible interest. Under Mr. Elworthy's mastership, hunting with the South Canterbury Hounds will, it may safely be predicted, maintain its place and popularity. Mr. Elworthy's favourite hunter is Craigmore, who has been in evidence for several seasons.

**Mr. P. NEAGLE**
**A Leading Amateur.**

## MR. PERCY P. NEAGLE.

Mr. "Paddy" Neagle, who was born in Hawke's Bay in 1878, has had a very successful career for one of his age as an amateur rider, as during 11 years—his first ride being obtained in 1894—he has had many mounts, with a good proportion of wins, and has enjoyed much popularity. "Grenfells," Taradale, Hawke's Bay, is his home, and in Hawke's Bay he has had many of his winning rides, though he has been signally successful both at home and further afield.

Some of the most important of his achievements may be mentioned. The Hawke's Bay Hunt Club Cup has been won by horses he has ridden four years in succession, the Hawke's Bay Hunters' Hurdle Race twice, the Waipukurau Bracelet twice in succession, and the Feilding and Hawke's Bay Bracelets twice in succession; also the Rangitikei Hunt Club Cup and Bracelet and Final Steeplechase, Woodlands Hunt Club Cup and Kumaroa Steeplechases, the Rangitikei Open Steeplechase on K Jam, and beaten a head on the second day on the same horse in the Grandstand Steeplechase. At the New Zealand Grand National Meeting won the Tally-ho Steeplechase twice, the Bracelet and Hunters' Hurdles and Steeplechase twice.

At Amberley, Mr. Neagle won four races in one day on two different occasions, and three races on another, including the Brackenfield Plate, Steeplechase, and Tally-ho Steeplechase, and there had the unique experience, probably a world's record, of riding three winners in one afternoon in a snowstorm, the snow being about five inches deep. Other races that have fallen to Mr. Neagle's mounts have been the Wairoa Hurdles, Tauherinikau Hurdles and Carterton Bracelet, the Hunters' Hurdles twice, and Steeplechase twice at Napier Park, the Bracelet at Dannevirke, Wanganui Hunters' Steeplechase twice, and Hurdle Race once, besides many others.

Besides race-riding successes, Mr. Neagle has won several jumping competitions on horses at Manawatu, Wellington, and Woodville Shows, and several at the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Association's Shows.

**Mr. J. J. GROOME**
**A Hawke's Bay Amateur.**

## MR. J. J. GROOME.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. J. J. Groome, belongs to a well-known hunting family in Hawke's Bay, and has done a good deal in that line, with the Hawke's Bay Hounds chiefly. He was born in Havelock, near Hastings, in 1879, where he went to school, but has resided for some time with his parents at Te Onepu, Te Aute. When twelve years old he rode his first race over hurdles, and won two Hunt Club steeplechase at fourteen, the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club Cup Steeplechase being won by horses ridden by Mr. Groome on three occasions. Coastguard, Peter Osbeck, and Dubious were the horses he bestrode. On Peter Osbeck he won the Tally-Ho Steeplechase on two occasions, and the Corinthian Race at Hastings once. At one of the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club meetings he won three races for three rides, and at another two races for three rides, and has won Hunt Club events at Marton and Rangitikei, and at small meetings in Hawke's Bay, and has ridden in the South Island with indifferent luck. Mr. Groome had to give up riding for two years on account of his health, but took to it again three years ago. He has ridden Tod Sloan style over fences, a style that was considered ridiculous, and many friends tried to dissuade him from the practice, but he stuck to it, and has convinced quite a number of people that the style is of assistance to the horse. There are several professionals now adopting the "crouch" in hurdle and steeplechase riding, and riding in short stirrups, too.

**Mr. GERALD STEAD**
**A Canterbury Amateur.**

## MR. GERALD L. STEAD.

Mr. Gerald Lovat Stead, who is one of the most popular of our light-weight gentlemen riders, was born in Christchurch in 1883, and educated at the Wanganui Collegiate School, proceeding from there to the Agricultural College, Lincoln, Canterbury, where he spent a year, after which he joined the grain agency business of George G. Stead and Co., in Christchurch, as clerk. Athletic events have claimed the attention of Mr. Stead, who has won a few foot races and cross-country events, bicycle and walking contests, and has played polo for two seasons. Pigeon-flying has engaged some of his time, but the nearest his homers have got was a second in a long-distance race between Invercargill and Christchurch. He has raced a few horses, none, however, of much class, so far in hunters' races, and has done a fair amount of hunting for one of his years, and is recognised as one of the straight goers. His first win of importance was on St. Michael, in the Ladies' Bracelet, at Riccarton, and since that time he has ridden the winners of four races at Canterbury Jockey Club meetings, which carried with them ten-guinea trophies for the riders. The horses ridden were St. Michael, The Master, Clanburn, and Slow Tom. There have been nine similar trophies, and on two occasions Mr. Stead did not ride, so that he has won four times out of seven starts, a fair average. Mr. Stead takes a keen interest in racing matters, and has emulated his brother Wilfred, who, for some seasons, was a conspicuous figure in the hunting field, and won a good many flat and jumping races with his hunter Proverb, who was not only a weight-carrier, but a noted wire fencer. Magnificent, Crash, and other horses were raced with success by Mr. Wilfred Stead, who has not been seen in the saddle a great deal of late.

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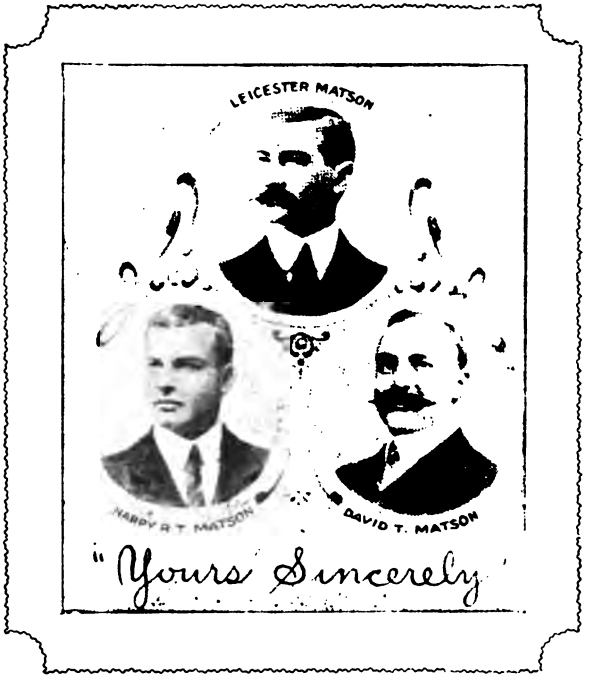


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Mr. H. A. Russell, son of Captain Sir William Russell, was born at "Flaxmere," Hastings, Hawke's Bay, in 1871, and educated in England, where he resided from 1884 to 1889. His first connection with sport was when about twelve years old, when he used to ride his father's mares Leonora and Tigredia work; but it was not until after returning from England that he rode his first race in the year 1890. Mr. Russell started hunting in Canterbury in 1892, and since then with the Hawke's Bay Hounds, and was elected Acting-Master of the Hawke's Bay Hounds for the season of 1903, and Master in 1904. As Mr. Russell lives at Fernhill, on the outskirts of the Hawke's Bay hunting country, he has to leave home early on hunting mornings, travelling eighteen miles by road, and then do from twenty to thirty by train to get to the meets, and the same return journeys, and it is very often midnight before home is reached. There are others in Hawke's Bay who are as keen on their sport as their Master, and have almost as long days going to and returning from meets. Mr. Russell started the Hawke's Bay Polo Club in 1892, and has played every season since, and is Captain of the Club. He has trained and ridden a good many of his own horses for up-country meetings with a fair amount of success, and generally takes much interest in sport in all its branches.

**Mr. WILLIAM WALTERS**
**The Glenora Park, Auckland, Studmaster.**

## MR. WILLIAM WALTERS.

Mr. W. Walters is a son of the late Mr. William Walters, one of the best-remembered horse owners and breeders of racing stock in Auckland, and though he has not raced himself on an extensive scale, he, in conjunction with his mother, has kept the old-established stud together, and at no time in its history with a greater measure of success than during the past few seasons. These results are all the more gratifying as the mares bred from are descendants of mares selected for racing purposes and for breeding by the founder.

Mr. Walters, senr., always patronised leading sires, such as Yattendon, Traducer, and Musket, and his son has followed on in the same lines, patronising such stud horses as Cuirassier, St. Leger, Nordenfeldt and Hotchkiss outside his own stud, where he, however, has invariably had something good also, Hippocampus and Somnus being used until, by good fortune, he secured the imported St. Simon horse Soult, whose advent into the stud was for its great benefit, as racing statistics have gone to show, for some good winners have been bred there from mares on the estate, and from mares sent on a visit from outside breeders.

The list of winners bred at Glenora Park is a formidable one, extending back over a period of thirty-five years. Some that may be mentioned are Kingfisher, Isaac Walton, Hippocampus, Piscatorius, Torpedo, Fishwoman, and Fishgirl, from Fanny Fisher; Libeller, Rosarina, Hipporina, Fusileer, Matchlock, Kingfish, Firelock, and Leorina, from Yattarina; Venus Transit, Grand Duchess, Fitzhercules, Herculaneum, Marion, Empress, and Torori, from Peeress. To name all the winners by horses and from mares mentioned above would be out of the question, but their roll of honour is a creditable one, each of the three families, that is, those descended from Fanny Fisher, Yattarina, and Peeress, having included some cracks in the second and third generations, the vitality of the old strains for reproducing the best material being far from run out.

Soult's gets can be specially referred to, for they have brought that horse well up the winning sire list: and those that have helped to run up a total of winnings exceeding £24,000 in six years, during the first two of which he had only a few representatives, are Wairiki, Lass o' Gowrie, Sandy, Lady Avon, Marshal Soult, Lady Soult, Sans Peur, Avalanche, Strategist, Green and Gold, Orange and Blue, Elspeth, Yseult, Laertes, Soultfish, Sonica, Lady Annie, Cordon Rouge, Promotion, Waipuna, Merope, Lady Bobs, Soultina, Austerlitz, Syren, Lycia, Fashionable, Grenadier, Annette, and Devonport.

**Mr. E. GATES**
**A Southern Owner and Studmaster.**

## MR. E. GATES.

Mr. E. Gates, the well-known owner and studmaster of Grove Farm, Tinwald, Canterbury, was born in 1859 at Richmond, Yorkshire, within three miles of Lord Zetland's seat, and came to this colony in 1878, settling in the Ashburton district, where he first managed the stud of the late Mr J. Carter up to 1884, afterwards carrying it on on his own account. From this stud some really first-class horses have been produced from the first. Mr. Gates has made it a practice of either leasing or racing those he intended to keep for stud use. Few studs have produced such a large proportion of good ones. Perkin Warbeck II., foaled in 1881, by imported Perkin Warbeck, never raced, but produced no end of good horses, and Mr. Gates had him from a two-year-old until his death about three years ago. Antelope was a good one, but was sold before racing. Then came that good horse Sultan (sold to Mr. Hood-Williams), Lady Zetland, Mikado, Prime Warden, Dundas, Telemeter, and Adventuress (leased to Mr. M. Hobbs), Welbeck (sold to Lewis and Thomas), Crest, dam of Buluwayo (sold to Mr. J. F. Reid), and Catherine Wheel, dam of Treadmill (sold to Sir Geo. Clifford). There were many others of note, descendants of a few choice mares. In addition to Perkin Warbeck II., who left so many racehorses, and whose stock showed great aptitude for jumping and trotting as well, Phaethon, by Trenton, and imported Benzoin and Obligado have been used in the stud, where are located some fine mares, including descendants of the imported mares Miss Kate and Forget-me-not, Lady Lillian being a grand-daughter of the last-named.

Mr. Gates was for a long time Chairman of the Tinwald Racing Club, and has been President of the Ashburton Racing Club for some years.

**Mr. W. JOHN DOUGLAS**
**A Hawke's Bay Owner and Breeder.**

## MR. W. J. DOUGLAS.

Mr. William John Douglas was born at Te Mahanga, Hawke's Bay, in the year 1871, where his father, the late Mr. William Douglas, bred and owned a large stud of horses and followed up turf pursuits from the sixties until the time of his death in 1898. The late Mr. Douglas was a great believer in the old Riddlesworth stock, and from time to time, as he met with opportunities, secured mares tracing back to that sire, and with good results The Te Mahanga horses became noted for their sound, robust, qualities, the limestone country on which they were raised contributing largely to their development, and some of the best hurdle and cross-country horses of their days were raised there, as well as good performers on the flat, as the pages of the Turf Register can testify. Mr. Douglas' name was enrolled amongst the winning owners year after year, and horses bred at Te Mahanga assisted to swell the winning records of other owners who purchased them.

While sticking largely to the old racing families, thoroughbreds were selected from Northern and Southern studs, and annual sales have been held of yearlings, and sometimes of two and three-year-olds, from the estate for many years past. The practice which the late Mr. Douglas inaugurated is being largely followed by his sons, who have now some thirty-five mares in their stud, where the old Musket horse Torpedo, from Fanny Fisher, who has been such a success, and that well-performed Gozo horse San Fran, are the sultans. Some of San Fran's progeny will be racing in the season of 1905-6. Included amongst the mares are three English-bred ones in Espaneola, Lady Heart, and Lady Bevys, Maude (dam of Mahutonga and Veneer), Melinite (dam of Armistice), and Nymph (dam of Gold Crown).

Mr. John Douglas has always had a horse or two hunting and racing since his school days, and, indeed, while attending the Heretaunga School at Hastings had his first racehorse. This was Kingrose, one of the progeny of old Primrose, whose name ranks amongst the most prolific of winner-producing matrons the turf in New Zealand has known.

**Mr A. F. DOUGLAS**
**Owner, Breeder and Horseman.**

## MR. A. F. DOUGLAS.

During the season of 1904-5 the brothers W. J. and A. F. Douglas put into commission a team of two-year-olds, and it should not be long before their registered colours, black body and heliotrope cap, are carried prominently by some of their young horses. Mr. Fred. Douglas, like his brother John, was born on the Te Mahanga estate, and was educated at the Napier High School. He has ridden at meets of the Hawke's Bay Hounds, and as an amateur horseman with success in a few events, his most recent winning achievement having been at the Masterton Autumn Meeting on Admiral Cerveras.

It was only in the season of 1903 that Mr. Douglas started racing on his own account, and that was with the little horse Good Spec, who did not run in keeping with his name, only winning one race; indeed, he was singularly unfortunate, as he ran somewhere in the region of twenty seconds before Mr. Douglas parted with him. Though racing in partnership with his brother, John, Mr. Fred. Douglas has an odd one or two racing on his own account, and Needlework, who has been put to hurdle racing, is the latest addition.

Amongst the successful horses bred at Te Mahanga, which has more than a New Zealand reputation, may be mentioned Waitiri, Rosefeldt, Brooklet, The Brook, Tortulla, Violet, Christina, Ua, Streamlet, Amoureux, Primula, Materoa, The Shannon, Kahuwai, Armistice, Plaidie, Undine, and many other mares, Mutiny, Dummy, Kapua, The Friar, Waterfall, Penrose, Pinrose, Roseshoot, Torpina, Quiltira, Melrose, Montrose, Isaac, Kingrose, Bonovoree, Swivel, Chris, Wheriko, Silent Friend, Aphony, Toriki, Orion, Bush Rose, Marino, Volcano, Bones, Rags, Te Taiha, and scores of others. The names mentioned include winners of all the leading hurdle and cross-country events, as well as those of winners of many of the leading flat races within the colony, and some of them gained distinction in our sister colonies.

**Mr. PRIDEAUX FRANCIS TANCRED**
**A Wellington-Wairarapa Owner and Breeder.**

## MR. PRIDEAUX FRANCIS TANCRED.

Mr. Tancred, who is one of the best-known racing men and breeders in the colony, was born in England and educated at Cirencester College, and came to Canterbury, New Zealand, in 1869. Going from Geraldine to Whangarei, Auckland, for a time, he purchased his first racehorse, Tantivy, there, and, in the absence of oats, trained him on a pollard and bran mixture. Part of the course was on the main street. The saddle slipped round, and Tantivy was one of the also started division. Since that time Mr. Tancred has figured very near the top of the list of winning owners in New Zealand, and on one memorable occasion, when Fusilade won the New Zealand Cup, beating his game little red roan horse Administrator, he would have won £8,000. It was hard luck, for Fusilade never won afterwards. Administrator was bred by Mr. Tancred, and was by Premier, first called the Revoke colt, whom he had purchased from Mr. W. C. Webb in 1871, and had raced against old Tambourini. Mr. Tancred soon afterwards settled in the Wairarapa, and purchased Princess Mary, Ruby, and Gossip when Canard, who afterwards became a fine performer on the flat and over hurdles and country, was a yearling; Gabble, a two-year-old, and Spy, a four. Spy turned out a good horse, and Gabble won races. Mr. Tancred bought other horses from time to time, amongst the number being Odd Trick, a good colt; but he bred most of those he raced, and some that may be mentioned specially, in addition to Administrator, who won the Island Bay and Marlborough Cups, were Consul, a Wanganui Derby, Taranaki Derby, and Rangitikei St. Leger winner; First Water, who won the Wairarapa Cup; Forrester, one of the most brilliant and best weight-carriers in the colony; Orator, winner of the Nelson Cup; Mascotte, King's Bowman, and many other good performers. With the Premier, who was his stud horse, he won the Provincial Handicap at Wellington. Forrester was weighted at 14st. in a race for horses that had never won a hack event, and started, this being probably the biggest impost ever put on any horse in any event not a welter race in the colony. Forrester carried 10st. 10lb. to victory over six furlongs in 1min. 16sec., at the time deemed a great performance. On one occasion Mr. Tancred's horses won almost every race at a two-days' meeting in the Wairarapa, the winner of the Hack Hurdle Race being purchased just before running. Amongst the riders and trainers Mr. Tancred had were W. Homes, Ted Vaile, Cuneen, Albert Lyford, and J. Gravestock, the latter of whom was in his employ for over twenty years. Mr. Tancred acted as Secretary for a meeting at Whangarei in 1870, was Judge at Geraldine, and has been a Steward of several Wairarapa clubs.

**Mr. ALFRED KIDD, M.H.R.**
**An Auckland Owner and Breeder.**

## MR. ALFRED KIDD.

Mr. Alfred Kidd, M.H.R., was born in England in 1851 (Exhibition year), at Hounslow Heath, where Dick Turpin, the highwayman, was born, and where he and his bonny mare, Black Bess, became famous on the high roads in those parts. At thirteen years of age, Mr. Kidd arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, and went to work on a farm called Ascot, at Mangere, owned by Colonels Haultain and Nixon. After two or three years' service there he migrated to the Thames on its opening, and was associated therewith from its earliest inception. He saw the first building erected there, and the first lady arrive there in 1867. He also witnessed the first race meeting, and the special meeting got up in honour of the Duke of Edinburgh. During seven years' residence, Mr. Kidd was associated with various public bodies and societies. Leaving on a friendly visit to the Waikato, he was induced to take a position as providore in the Waikato Steam Navigation Company, then doing an extensive business on the river, the railway line not being completed to the Waikato. After three years, the railway having been completed, Mr. Kidd came to Auckland and purchased his first hotel, the Provincial, from Mr. Simmelhag, father of one of the present owners of Gladstone. Later on he took possession of the Commercial Hotel, and was associated with it for twenty-five years, during the whole time holding positions in companies and almost every public position within reach of the citizens of Auckland to give, notably, the Chairmanship of the Auckland Harbour Board, the position of Mayor for two terms, and Acting-Mayor twice, and in that position was entrusted with the arrangements for the reception of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. For many years he was a Steward, and was for a term President, of the Auckland Racing Club. Some years ago Mr. Kidd bought land at Waiuku and farmed it, and has been breeding pedigree cattle and a few thoroughbreds, those fine fencers Aka Aka and Tahae being two; while he purchased that great horse St. Hippo as a yearling, and owned him during the early stage of his racing career.

**Mr. FRANK LAWRY, M.H.R.**
**Life Member of Three Racing Clubs.**

## MR. FRANK LAWRY.

Mr. Frank Lawry, M.H.R., was born in Somersetshire, England, and came to New Zealand, settling in Auckland in 1864. For a considerable time he followed up farming, becoming a representative of the House of Parliament in 1879, a position he has occupied ever since.

Mr. Lawry was the first President of the Auckland Trotting Club, and continued in that position until he resigned a few years ago, when he was made a life member and presented with a fine medal in recognition of his services. Like compliments were paid Mr. Lawry also by the Avondale Jockey Club and Takapuna Racing Club, the Hon. E. Mitchelson being the only other life member of the last-named institution. There is probably no other man in New Zealand who holds life membership in as many as three clubs devoted to the racing of horses.

Though not an owner of racehorses or a betting man, Mr. Lawry has been found in his place in the House from time to time fighting for the totalisator to be preserved to clubs. His speeches, too, have contained favourable references to Northern pencillers, and some years ago he was found advocating that consultations should be legalised, on the ground mainly that so much money was being sent out of the colony for investment elsewhere.

## MR. JAMES JEFFS.

Mr. James Jeffs was born in Christchurch in 1853, and is the son of a farmer, one of the early settlers there. He lived for many years in Palmerston South, where he owned and raced a string of trotting horses, amongst the more notable ones being Pirate, Achates, George II., and he owned George M. Patcher when two years old, selling him just before he raced.

Mr. Jeffs is now, and has been for some time, the owner of the old chaser Pipi and that good mare Petrovna, the only horses outside the trotting ranks that he has had to do with. Petrovna has proved herself a good one, and will always be remembered for her brilliant deeds, and also as the mare that was declared the winner of a race many months after it was run, and in which she had finished second, on an objection lodged on the ground that the filly Bagpipes that beat her had been ridden by an apprentice for whom no license had been obtained, in accordance with the rules, which experts and legal men had construed in different ways, but which the appeal judges gave in Mr. Jeffs' favour. For twelve years, while in Dunedin, Mr. Jeffs has always taken an interest in the racing game, and has been an active member of the Dunedin Jockey Club, Clerk of the Course for that Club, and a Steward of the Tahuna Park Trotting Club.

**Mr. J. O'DRISCOLL**
**Owner of the Grand National Hurdle Winner Waiwera.**

## MR. J. O'DRISCOLL.

Mr. J. O'Driscoll was born in 1859, in Ireland, and came to Dunedin in 1875, where he served his apprenticeship to the farriery business, and then went to Timaru as foreman to a Mr. Riley. Fitzsimmons, who became world-renowned as a pugilist, was then an apprentice at the same place. Mr. O'Driscoll's first introduction to racing was through becoming possessed of a condemned troop horse, which he found could jump. This gelding was called Bobbie, and ran second to Faugh-a-ballagh in the first local steeplechase held at the Hutt, Wellington, in 1885.

The first race Mr. O'Driscoll won was with a horse called Reputation, the late Geo. Williams riding. This horse and Jacob won races over hurdles for him. Buckley's Chance and Off-Chance were stake-winners also, and that good mare Secrecy, dam of Kaharoa, was another. It was after taking a trip to Ireland and seeing the Irish horse Galtee More win the Derby that Mr. O'Driscoll returned and got Indian Shot, and tried to make a jumper of him, without success, and several others did not turn out well.

By a stroke of good luck he effected the purchase of Waiwera, who had injured one of his knees, his then owner, Mr. Herman, being glad to get rid of him. One of the best in point of conformation, Waiwera is certainly one of the most useful hurdle horses New Zealand has bred. In his first essay over hurdles for a former owner he won, and paid the sensational dividend of £84, and later on ran a great race with The Guard in a hack hurdle race at Wanganui, neither being then voted the champions they proved afterwards.

Waiwera has won twenty-three races, all, with one exception, being hurdle events, and including the chief hurdle races at Wanganui under big weights, and the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race of 1903. He has been racing since 1898, and has started over one hundred times. Pharos and Commonwealth are amongst other horses Mr. O'Driscoll has raced.

**Mr. FRED. WATSON**
**A Taranaki Owner and Amateur Rider.**

## MR. FRED. WATSON.

Mr. Fred. Watson, son of the late Capt. John Watson, who was Harbourmaster at New Plymouth from 1842 to 1860, was born in 1861. He was five years at the Nelson College, and entered the office of Messrs. Webster Bros. in 1878, at New Plymouth, and for three years represented the firm at Waitara as agent of the Northern S.S. Company; joined Mr. Newton King's staff in April, 1885, and is now one of the firm's three auctioneers and manager of the produce and shipping department.

In 1879, Mr. Watson trained on oaten sheaf chaff a little mare called White Stockings, and was third to Creeping Jenny and Coralie in a hack race, riding himself. This was his first start. White Stockings was exchanged for Coralie, and became the property of Messrs. Chadwick and Belcher, proving famous as the dam of Argo, Larrikin, Kneecap, and Jack's the Lad, all hurdle race winners, and the last-named a good performer over country in Australia.

In 1885, Mr. Watson was joint owner with Mr. Jervis George in Armourer. In 1889 he started a stable with P. Johnston as trainer, and had Good Day, Eileen, and Ionic, and shortly afterwards Mr. Newton King joined forces with him. They purchased at the break-up of the Sylvia Park Stud St. Laura, with a filly foal at foot, afterwards known as Miss Laura, and this mare, next to Cruciform, was about the best of her sex by St. Leger, winning numerous races. Later on Dummy and The Friar were purchased, and what a pair of jumpers they were! The victories of Dummy in the leading hurdle and cross-country races will be fresh in the minds of readers. Muscatel, by Foul Shot, leased for her racing career, was another successful one over obstacles, and then came a trio purchased at Wellington Park in Okoari, Battleaxe, and Dartmoor, the two first-mentioned winning some thirty-five races between them. Then came Sandy and Tupara. Mr. Watson decided upon retiring last year, and the partnership was closed and the horses sold.

Among the principal races won by the stable were Grand National Hurdles, Grand National Steeplechase, and Great Northern Hurdles with Dummy; Wanganui and Great Northern Steeplechases with Muscatel; Century Stakes, Metropolitan Handicap, Hawke's Bay Cup, Taranaki Cup (twice), and Great Northern Hurdles with Battleaxe; Auckland Guineas with St. Laura.

As an amateur rider, Mr. Watson has met with his fair share of success, having won the Wanganui and Hawke's Bay Ladies' Bracelets, whilst in the Taranaki J.C. Ladies' Purse (of which there have been ten) his mounts have been first past the post

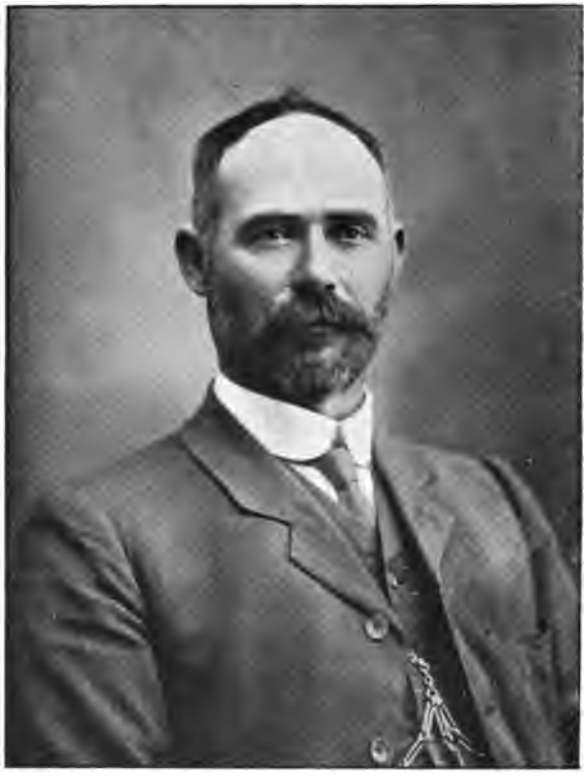
**Mr. WILLIAM LOVETT**
**Owner of Hohoro.**

on six occasions. He has been a member of the Committee of the Taranaki Jockey Club for about fifteen years, and is also a Steward of that club.

In addition to horse-racing, Mr. Watson has done a fair amount of work on the running track—from 1878 to 1891—during which period he won over fifty events on the flat and over hurdles. He is uncle to Mr. L. B. Webster, the well-known amateur sprinter.

## MR. WILLIAM LOVETT.

Mr. William Lovett, whose parents were amongst the first settlers in Auckland, was born at the Tamaki, Auckland, and witnessed racing at the Tamaki Heads, Buckland, over forty years ago, the ponies Anthony and Scabby being the first with which he was associated. Military sports and races were the leading outdoor pastimes in the early sixties, the officers being the main supporters of racing. Mr. Lovett always took a keen interest in the sport, and followed it on and off in a small way through the Waikato; but his first start at Auckland meetings was a few years ago with that good pony mare Lena, and he has bred, purchased and owned a few since, amongst the number being that wonderful gelding Hohoro, who has been racing six seasons, and at the close of 1904-5 was still being made the "chopping block" in sprint handicaps in the Auckland province. Hohoro won many good races from five furlongs up to a mile and a-quarter, but unfortunately went amiss in the wind, and has consequently only been trained for short distances since. He has, however, shown such form as to entitle him to be classed as one of the champions, and Mr. Lovett's colours are very popular, as, indeed, is his good horse.



**Mr. J. R. McDONALD**
**A Wellington-Manawatu Owner and Breeder.**

## MR. J. R. McDONALD

Mr. John McDonald, of Levin, is one of the best-known horse owners on the West Coast of the North Island, and has bred and purchased many good ones during his long connection with the sport, hurdle and steeplechase horses being much in favour with him, and it may be said with confidence that in selecting horses for these particular branches of sport there are few men who have had better all-round results to show, though at the same time his horses have raced on occasions with more than their share of bad luck.

What has assisted Mr. McDonald greatly is the fact that he is a good horseman himself. As a boy and a young man he had experience of rough horses—rough in the strictest sense—horses that took a lot of sitting and bringing under subjection—and many a bad one he has knocked the rough edges off in his time. Some of the best horses he has owned may be mentioned: Uranus, who raced with success over hurdles and country, winning, amongst other races, the Auckland Summer Steeplechase of 1888 for Mr. W. Tatham, was one of the first of note. Later on came those good horses Toriki and Opae, the first-named winner of a good many jumping contests, while Opae's jumping achievements included winning the Great Northern Hurdle Race Handicap. Opae and Toriki were sold to Mr. Gollan, and went to England. Kapua was another jumper of merit, a good winner. Titoki, a descendant of old Sharkie, won many flat races for Mr. McDonald. Headford was a useful but an unlucky horse.

Amongst those Mr. McDonald has raced recently may be mentioned Notis, Guelder Rose and Maui, each winners, and he is the owner of Waitarere, which horse he leased to Mr. Prosser. He is part owner of Golden Crown, by Gold Reef, who has turned out a useful horse. Mr. McDonald has filled various positions on district racing clubs, and is President of the progressive Horowhenua Racing Club.

**Mr. O. S. WATKINS**
**Treasurer Wellington Racing Club.**

## MR. O. S. WATKINS.

Mr. O. S. Watkins, who has for some years past filled the position of Treasurer to the Wellington Racing Club, was born in Canterbury in 1863, and educated there. He was associated with the Colonial Bank for some years, and subsequent to its amalgamation with the Bank of New Zealand, but left that institution in 1899 to take up accountancy as a profession, and since that time has been auditor and secretary for many prominent Wellington companies. Mr. Watkins recently joined the ranks of owners, and his colours were seen out for the first time at the Wellington Racing Club's April meeting on the Gipsy Grand two-year-old Grand Circle.

**Mr. PHINEAS SELIG**
**President of the New Zealand Trotting Association.**

## MR. PHINEAS SELIG.

Mr. P. Selig has been manager of the Christchurch *Press* Company for several years. He has also been President of the New Zealand Trotting Association, whose headquarters are in Christchurch, ever since its foundation, and President of the New Zealand Trotting Conference for over five years. In these positions, being entirely independent of club interests, not being a member of any trotting body, he has filled the offices with much satisfaction to the various clubs in different parts of the colony, and with much credit to himself. As showing their appreciation of Mr. Selig's services, at the end of his first year of office trotting enthusiasts and clubs presented him with a gold chain and a sovereign purse. At the unanimous wish of New Zealand clubs, and affiliated clubs in our sister colony, he has again accepted office, from which he retired in July, 1904. The members of the New Zealand Trotting Association, recognising the large amount of work entailed, made special reference to Mr. Selig's efforts at a recent meeting, and made him a handsome present.

Prior to taking an active interest in trotting affairs, Mr. Selig was one of the first members of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, the governing body of amateur athletics in New Zealand, and retired owing to pressure of business affairs about three years ago. He visited Australia with all the New Zealand teams, on two occasions as manager, and founded in Christchurch the North Canterbury Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association, and the annual display by the school children of Canterbury is one of the biggest functions of the year.

Mr. Selig was born in Victoria, but at an early age came to Wellington, New Zealand, and there went to school at Thorndon end, and from school into the Government Printing Office, where he was copy-holder and proof-reader, and later on reader at the *Lyttelton Times* Office, Christchurch, and for some time afterwards reporter. Then he went to Sydney for a few years, and after returning to New Zealand started, amongst other papers, one called *Society*, in Christchurch, and finally, in conjunction with the late Mr. A. E. Bird ("Sir Launcelot"), the *New Zealand Referee*, in 1884, which ran for seven years, when the Christchurch Press Co. bought the business, and merged the paper with the *Weekly Press*, which journal had for many years previously devoted considerable attention to sport. From the date of the amalgamation much more space has been devoted to racing and field sports than formerly, and the *Weekly Press and Referee* is to-day one of the most popular with sportsmen and general readers in Australasia. Mr. Selig contributed for about ten years to its literature, and his notes on athletic matters in particular, under the name of "Vaulter," were widely read.

**Mr. J. E. HENRYS**
**A Prominent and Successful Handicapper.**

## MR. J. E. HENRYS.

Mr. J. E. Henrys, the well-known handicapper, is New Zealand-born, and has steadily worked his way into prominence in the line of business which he has made his profession—handicapping horses. He made his first start for the Feilding Jockey Club in April, 1888, when he arranged the weights for one event only. This was the Hack Race, in which there were ten runners, and Arawa, the bottom weight, who was one of the least supported, beat Camomile, the favourite, and paid a dividend of £28 18s. At that time Mr. Evett was doing the handicapping for the open events.

Mr. Henrys was appointed sole handicapper at the next meeting, and from that time forward the various district clubs started to employ him, and his field of operations gradually extended, until he had secured a large share of the handicapping in the North Island. The Canterbury Jockey Club soon afterwards appointed Mr. Henrys, and minor Southern clubs followed in the South, and his duties have in recent years been extended to Dunedin, where he succeeded the late Mr. G. Dowse. During the time Mr. Henrys has been employed, many clubs which formerly only held one day's racing have been holding two-day meetings, and Mr. Henrys, not being able to be in two places at one time, when such meetings have clashed, has found it necessary to obtain the consent of some of these clubs to the appointment of deputies.

The largest field for any race that Mr. Henrys has succeeded in bringing together was that for the Winter Cup at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National Meeting in 1902, which event was won by Mr. R. W. Patterson's Quilt mare Waiwhera. There were twenty-four starters. In minor events, Mr. Henrys has had fields of nearly equal dimensions, on many occasions dead heats, and in two events the judges have declared dead heats between three. One of these occurred at Manaia in April, 1895, for second place between Docility, Strayshot, and Disraeli in the Manaia Handicap, and the other in February, 1897, in the First Hack Handicap at Hawera, between Flying Fish, Bowshot, and Kaeaea.

Before starting in the handicapping line, Mr. Henrys owned and rode a trotting horse or two, and a hack hurdler named Solicitor, which he converted into a hunter during the time he attended meets of the Rangitikei Hunt Club. He has a good memory, sticks largely to book form, and has the capacity for work. Mr. Henrys plays a good game of billiards, and has met some of the most prominent of visiting cueists at different times.

Mr. J. O. EVETT

# MR. J. O. EVETT.

## A LONG-SERVICE NORTH ISLAND HANDICAPPER.

Mr. James O. Evett was born in Shropshire, educated in England, and came to New Zealand, settling, first in the Waikato, and later on in Hawke's Bay, where he first took up handicapping duties for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, being induced by Mr. Winter and the late Mr. N. Bourke, who had acted in conjunction in that capacity for several meetings, to do the work. Mr. Evett's field extended, until he had received further appointments, and acted for the Wanganui Jockey Club, Wellington Racing Club, Taranaki Jockey Club, Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, and Auckland Racing Club at one time, besides a number of minor racing institutions in the several metropolitan districts mentioned. For a long time Mr. Evett lived in Hawke's Bay, but elected to take up his residence permanently in Auckland, and did not retain the handicapping for Hawke's Bay and several district clubs long afterwards, but continued to act for the Wellington metropolitan club until about two years ago, having served that club for about 19 years, and the Wanganui Jockey Club until the end of the season of 1903-4 for a period of but a few years' shorter duration. The Auckland Racing Club is the leading club for which Mr. Evett acts, and he invariably has large fields at Ellerslie. He has been acting for the Taranaki Jockey Club continuously for a longer time, and has been handicapper for the Avondale Jockey Club and a number of clubs in the Auckland district for some years, and may well be termed a veteran handicapper, few weight adjusters having held office in the colonies for so long a time.

Mr. Evett has been an ardent follower of sport with dog and gun for many years, and was one of the best pigeon shots in the colony. He was also an enthusiastic courser for some seasons. Prior to taking up handicapping duties, and indeed for some time afterwards, Mr. Evett was an occasional contributor of sporting topics to the Hawke's Bay *Herald* under the *nom de plume* of "Numa."

**Mr. GEORGE MORSE**
**Handicapper Wanganui Jockey Club and Other Clubs.**

## MR. GEORGE MORSE.

Mr. George Morse, whose photo. appears opposite, was born in Nelson, and is a son of the late Major Morse, who was an early settler in that part of the colony, where he followed racing and breeding thoroughbreds from the early fifties until he went to settle in Wanganui early in the seventies. Taking a number of favourite mares there with him, he raced a few of his horses himself, but later on made it a practice to sell his young stock.

After the death of his father, the subject of this sketch, and some of his brothers, raced descendants of several of the mares their father bred, and in recent years he has managed the old farm at Fordell, and has undertaken handicapping duties for a number of clubs in various districts. The old Warrengate Jockey Club, near Fordell, was the first club he acted for, and later on he undertook the handicapping for the hack events for the Wanganui Jockey Club. The Marton Jockey Club, Horowhenua Racing Club, Lower Valley Racing Club, Reefton Jockey Club, and Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club were added to the list. In the spring of 1904, the Wanganui Jockey Club, the metropolitan club of the district, recognised his services in connection with the minor events by appointing Mr. Morse to the position of sole handicapper. Mr. Morse for some time acted as handicapper on the second days for Mr. Henrys at several meetings when that official's duties took him elsewhere. Mr. Morse has graduated in the right school, and has results to point to as evidence of his capabilities.

**Mr. J. H. POLLOCK**
**A Handicapper and Erstwhile Owner.**

## MR. J. H. POLLOCK.

Mr. J. H. Pollock's parents arrived in Dunedin by the historical pioneer ship Philip Laing in 1848. Mr. Pollock, senr., went in for a cattle run, and almost as soon as the subject of this notice could sit a horse he was employed as a boundary rider, and thus early became interested in horses. In 1868, known as the Duke's year, a race meeting was held on the old Silverstream course, and there he rode his first race on a horse called Regnum. He also rode in the first hurdle race on the Forbury Park racecourse, and owned a horse of a useful sort called Stanley. Subsequently he settled in Wellington, and carried on business there as a partner in the firm of Pollock and Young, butchers and cattle dealers. Later on, in the early eighties, he followed the same line in Wanganui, where his love for racing induced him to race a few horses, and during a few years' residence there the steeplechaser New Year, and Christmas, Hippodamia (afterwards called Speculation), Larry, Fishwoman, Hipporina, Rumour, Wanderer, Voltigeur, Honeysuckle, and others ran in his interest. In 1882 Mr. Pollock was next on the list of winning owners in New Zealand to the late Mr. Jas. Pilbrow, and the late horsemen, Wally Clifford and George Williams, rode for him.

Mr. Pollock having relinquished business for some time, has offered his services as a handicapper to New Zealand racing clubs, and acts for several in that capacity, both racing and trotting, on the West Coast of the South Island; he also acts for the Otaki Maori Racing Club, and was recently appointed by the Masterton Racing Club in the Wairarapa. For two years he has acted as a North Island delegate on the New Zealand Trotting Association.

For several years Mr. Pollock was a keen athlete, distinguishing himself on the cinder path, and the mantle of the sire has fallen on his son, who is one of the best pedestrians of his age in the colony.

**Mr. HARRY PIPER**
**The Leading New Zealand Starter.**

## MR. HARRY PIPER.

Mr. Piper was born in London, and came to this colony in a boat called the Clontarf, and settled in Canterbury. For several years he went in for farm work, and then took employment with Manning & Co., brewers, in Christchurch. He was with that firm for about six years, and during his connection with them purchased the Diomedes mare Venture, whom he hunted with the Christchurch Hounds. This mare he sold to Mr. W. Keith, who sold her to the late Mr. William Douglas, of Hawke's Bay, after she had won steeplechases at Wanganui. About this time he took an hotel on the Ferry Road, Christchurch, and there had Beer Tax and Levant, with both of which jumpers he won, and rode them himself in some of their winning engagements. He also had Ravenswood, Larry, and Linwood, each successful horses; and the last-named, it will be remembered, won over Ellerslie country as well as in the South.

For some time Mr. Piper trained for "Mr. Hammond," and had, amongst others belonging to that owner, that good horse Sultan, who won the Wellington Handicap, the Dunedin Cup, St. Andrew's Handicap, the Canterbury J.C. Summer Cup, and other races in New Zealand, before the late Mr. W. R. Wilson purchased him for Victoria, where he won some good races on the flat and over hurdles. During quite a number of years Mr. Piper also devoted some of his time to the racing and training of trotting horses, afterwards handicapping and starting for some of the trotting clubs about Christchurch; but his first attempt at starting racehorses was at Plumpton, about two years before the late Mr. Sam Powell died. Since that time he has acted for the South Canterbury, North Otago, Hawke's Bay, Dunedin, Canterbury, Napier Park, Gisborne, Christchurch, Wellington, Forbury, Ashburton, Geraldine, Woodville, Pahiatua, Dannevirke, and other clubs, and could have had more but for the fact that he could not be in two places at one time.

During the fourteen years he has been carrying on starting duties he has had the pleasure of starting all the cracks, including Advance, Cruciform, Menschikoff, Multiform, Waiuku, St. Paul, Hohoro, Nonette, Royal Artillery, Achilles, Boreas, and Wairiki. Amongst the really troublesome horses he has had to start he mentions Paladin, Boreas, Vladimir, Glenaladale, Float, and Canteen as about the worst. Boreas was about the worst kicker. Mr. Piper is practical in racing affairs, and studies the characteristics of the horses as well as the riders. He starts well, both without and with the barrier, but prefers the barrier, as it saves a good deal of trouble. He finds less trouble in starting at the metropolitan meetings, where the greater proportion of the horsemen

**Mr. TOM CAMERON**
**A Well-known Starter and Horseman.**

know their work, and at which horses are usually experienced. Inexperienced lads and half-trained or half-fit horses give the most trouble, but the majority of people, who are mere spectators, never consider these little details, matters of much importance to the starter. The largest field Mr. Piper has started was twenty-four in the Winter Cup in Canterbury, and he has frequently had fields of twenty and over to deal with.

## MR. TOM CAMERON.

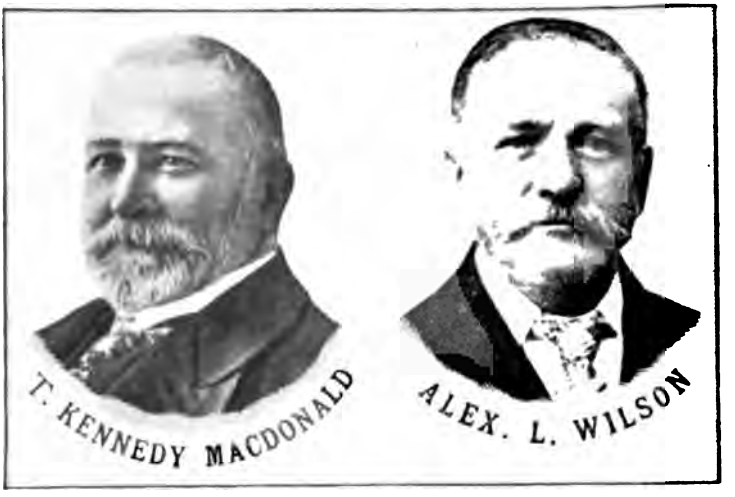
Mr. Tom Cameron, the well-known starter on the West Coast of the North Island, comes of a family of horsemen who have been proficient at cross-country work chiefly, but good all-round. He is a son of Mr. Alex. Cameron, who was known as a fearless and an accomplished rider in the early days, and had to do with some of the useful horses of the time, Volunteer, Lord Lyon (first known as Duodecimo), and Dick Turpin being some of the best known in the sixties. Years afterwards he brought out a good horse for Mr. Ned Collins, called St. Clair, by Dead Shot, really one of the best horses ever bred on the Wanganui-Taranaki coast. Later on he brought out that good hurdle and cross-country horse Despised. The subject of this sketch was quite as capable, and rode a good many winners before increasing weight told, and he decided to take to starting work about nine years ago, since which time he has acted for a good many intermediate clubs between New Plymouth, Napier, and Wellington. He has done a lot of good work with flag and barrier, and though he does not travel so far from his headquarters at Parawanui, Rangitikei, as was his wont, he still wields the baton of authority or pulls the starting trigger on a good many courses. Mr. Tom Cameron is a brother to John of that ilk, who has good New Zealand and Australian records as a hurdle and steeplechase rider, and has won, amongst other cross-country events in New Zealand, the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase and Wanganui Steeplechase on Awahuri.

**Mr. CHARLES O'CONNOR**
**Starter for the Auckland Racing Club and Other Clubs.**

# MR. CHARLES O'CONNOR.

Mr. O'Connor was born in New South Wales in 1860, and his first introduction to racing was when he went into the employ of Mr. T. Lamond, who was private trainer to Sir Hercules Robinson at Randwick. There he did some riding on the flat, also at other meetings about Sydney, and also when on visits to Flemington, Victoria. In 1872, when 12 years of age, and scaling 5st. 7lb., he won for Sir Hercules Robinson the V.R.C. Handicap on Fitz-Yattendon, and later on, wearing the Zetland spots, rode Valentia to victory in the Waverley Handicap at Randwick.

It was not long before his weight ran up to 8st., when he came over to New Zealand with Chester's brother, St. George, who had been purchased on behalf of the Middle Park Stud Company, shortly afterwards joining E. Cutts, with whom he remained until he became connected with P. Butler, who had at the time the hurdle and steeplechase horses Agent and Te Whetumarama, and the peculiarly-marked chestnut mare Luna. It was at this period that he took to riding over fences, and bestrode Agent, Te Whetumarama, and Clarence when their weights suited, and afterwards brought Clarence to Auckland several times for the late Mr. Pilbrow, and trained that horse and took him with Welcome Jack to Sydney, having trained these horses when they accounted for the Auckland Cup and Steeplechase double. For Mr. Hobbs he rode Borderman, and won races for Mr. H. Lunn on King Arthur, and several races on Kingask, and was up on Peter Osbeck when that grey gelding ran second to Garibaldi in the first New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race. Another good horse O'Connor rode was Macaroni, and he landed "the white-tailed 'un," as his owner, Mr. W. Proffitt, used to call his creamy, first past the post, beating Exchange, with James Wattie up, in the Midsummer Hurdle Handicap, upon which there was more straight-out betting than was ever known in connection with a hurdle race in New Zealand. It was after this that O'Connor went to Sydney. On returning he rode Scrutineer in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, when he fell. During his career he had a few falls, but beyond getting a collar-bone broken was never seriously injured, and he owes a lot of his good fortune in that he was usually associated with good fencers, though, like every other rider, he occasionally rode indifferent jumpers. Few men have ever ridden better than Clarence, Agent, Te Whetumarama, Macaroni, Peter Osbeck, and other horses whose names have been mentioned. Amongst horses trained by O'Connor, Crackshot

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MR. CHARLES O'CONNOR—(*Continued*).

may be mentioned, but though he won the Auckland R.C. Handicap and Timaru Cup, he had bad luck, St. Hippo's year being a particularly bad one for him.

Mr. O'Connor acted as starter for nearly all the trotting clubs about Christchurch after that time, using a watch or the clock, as desired, but resigned, as the pay was not tempting enough at that period. He went to Greymouth and undertook starting the gallopers, having previously started in 1895 at Riccarton for Mr. Boyle for a couple of days with the machine, after which time Mr. H. Piper received the C.J.C. appointment, and occasionally he acted for the last-named official at various places. At Dunedin, Poverty Bay, Oamaru, Timaru, Geraldine, Ashburton, Hororata, Little Rangiora, Ohoka, and Eyreton, Mr. O'Connor has wielded the starter's baton, and has given evidence of his ability with the barrier at the Ellerslie and Takapuna meetings: he has also been appointed starter by the Auckland Racing Club, Takapuna Jockey Club, Auckland and Otahuhu Trotting Clubs, Ohinemuri, Tuakau, and other clubs.

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MR. ISAAC HILL.

MR. ANDREW V. PHILIP.

TWENTY years' business experience amongst owners of horses should be sufficiently long to establish a claim to knowledge of their requirements. Mr. Hill, whose name heads this column, is of English birth and parentage, but is to all intents a New Zealander. He arrived in the colony when a child, and before entering on his present successful career in the Saddlery Business in Auckland, was well known in Southland and Otago as an all-round athlete, being considered one of the best pedestrians of his time, having captured many cash prizes. He has, as we have already stated, been 20 years in his present line, and recently was joined by that old-time expert, Mr. Philip.

Since 1897 he has been prominently connected with the Auckland Trotting Club as Committeeman, and has acted on numerous occasions as judge. His enthusiasm grows with every onerous task that is set him, and amongst his co-workers he maintains an increasing popularity for his thoroughness as a sport, whilst in his business he is considered a master of all the arts and methods in horse and carriage gear-making.

MR. PHILIP, who has joined Mr. Hill in his old-established business, is perhaps the best known Racing, Hunting and Trotting Gear Maker in the colony, having been for nearly 34 years closely identified with these special lines. Mr. Philip was the first man in New Zealand to make what are known as "Tod Sloan" Saddles, and he claims to have made more furnishings for horses with infirm limbs than any other man in the business, his name being as well known in the South as at his home in Ellerslie, as an expert Horse Bootmaker. Before joining Mr. Hill he held the position of foreman to Messrs. Wiseman & Son, Auckland, and on leaving that firm was presented with a valuable gold stop watch as a mark of the esteem in which he was held, and now his long experience in the business is being made manifest in the multiplied output of the new firm.

Always a sport, his name and support have never been missing from any movement having for its object the promotion of the racing game, and for a considerable time past he has gone in for the hobby of breeding blood stock, and from his small stud he has had such useful horses as Leo and Atlantic. K. Jam is his most recent representative in the hunting field.

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**MR. HUGH GILLIES**

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## MR. HUGH GILLIES.

Mr. Hugh Gillies, who has always identified himself with sport, was born in the Wairarapa, and settled at Otaraia, in the Lower Valley, for some years, and has bred and owned a few horses. Notably amongst those he has raced was the dun-coloured Southern Chief gelding The Orphan, who won numerous races, and was for a time one of the "chopping blocks" in district handicap events, and a decidedly useful customer, too, in the Wairarapa and Wellington Province. Indeed, in his declining years, he went further afield, and won in the back blocks further North. Zag-Zig, dam of Rungarawa, from Zig-Zag, daughter of the Knottingly mare Lady Ellen, won some races also for Mr. Gillies.

For a long time Mr. Gillies has acted as Judge at the Foxton Racing Club's annual meeting, and has been associated with that club for a good many years. He has acted for other clubs in a similar capacity, the Horowhenua Racing Club being one, and he has been Judge for the Manawatu Racing Club for some time past, and a few years ago filled the Presidential chair of that club for a term.

Few men are better known in the North Island show rings, and none are more competent to judge cattle and horses. For a period of over a quarter of a century Mr. Gillies has been a buyer of fat stock for the Gear Meat Company, Wellington.

**Mr. W. H. HARTGILL**

**"Yes, a judge, and a good judge, too."**

## MR. W. H. HARTGILL.

Mr. W. H. Hartgill was born in England, and came to New Zealand in 1885, settling in Feilding. While residing there and in business, he took a great interest in athletics, and rendered assistance as starter and in various ways to that particular branch of sport. He has, however, become more widely known as a judge on leading metropolitan and country race-courses, and during the time he has acted in that capacity, it is needless to say, has had many very close finishes to decide. Dead heats are generally, and rightly, believed to appeal to handicappers, and when Judge Hartgill announces that two horses have run home dead in line, it need not be put down to any attempt on his part to flatter the weight adjuster. From the fact that he has been in the box on occasions when he has found himself unable to separate horses, it is admitted by usually sceptical people that there are precise moments when dead heats are actually run at the culminating point, or, at any rate, they have come to believe it possible, and to look upon Mr. Hartgill as one who will split them if he can.

Mr. Hartgill's half head, and bare head, and short nose decisions are given with as great promptitude as when horses win by long margins, and no judge has the numbers hoisted with greater speed. There is no clamouring round his box and shouting the names of different horses when a close finish has taken place. He knows the racing colours of owners, can pick them like a florist does the flowers in his garden, and with a quickness that would be surprising were it not a gift and a study with him. He is seldom out of the weighing-room when the riders are going to scale, and is prompt to call the attention of the authorities to the fact if a jockey is riding in different livery to that announced on the correct card. He does not rely on the numbered saddle-cloth as some judges do, but mainly on his knowledge of the colours of the riders. From the writer's experience, he is as keen an observer of incidents that occur during the running of races as anyone could possibly be, and takes a lot of enjoyment out of the racing, so much of which he is witness to. The chief clubs Mr. Hartgill is judge for are the Canterbury Jockey Club and Wellington Racing Club. It was the Feilding Jockey Club for which he first acted. Mr. Hartgill has greater powers than even our Supreme Court judges, for he is one of the few whose decisions are not subject to appeal.

**Mr. R. B. LUSK**
**The Auckland Racing Club's Judge.**

# MR. R. B. LUSK.

Mr. Robert Buller Lusk, who is so well known as an athlete throughout the colonies, is a son of Major Lusk, of the Waikato Militia and Forest Rangers, and was born at Mauku, Auckland, where his father was one of the officers who survived in the fight with the Maoris at that place. Mr. Lusk has been connected with sport from his school days, was a member of the old Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, and ran with success in local events, and finally won the 120 yards Champion Hurdle Race of Australasia in Sydney in 1890. Won the Half-mile Championship of Auckland prior to this, and won somewhere about thirty pedestrian events altogether. At sixteen years of age, in the season of 1884, Mr. Lusk played full-back for the old Gordon Club, and in 1886 got the rep. cap, playing against New South Wales; also represented Auckland in 1887-8-9, the biggest match being against Stoddart's English team in 1888. In the years 1890-91 played while residing in Sydney, representing New South Wales, and on returning to New Zealand went to reside in Taranaki, and played for Taranaki in their matches in 1892-3-4. In the days of Professor Carrollo he went in for gymnastics, and won several championships, and for twenty years has been an enthusiastic and successful cricketer, playing in most of the big matches.

Mr. Lusk has always been fond of racing, and it may be here noted that his father bred Winnie, the dam of Record Reign, who was the best all-round horse New Zealand has bred; also a sister to Winnie, and dam of Romeo. Winnie was one of the most successful winner-producers in Maoriland. Before Uhlan won the Auckland Cup and other good races, Mr. Lusk was interested in the son of Cuirassier and Aida, and had also an interest in several others of lesser note. For some seasons past he has been Judge at the Ellerslie race meetings, the Auckland Racing Club having made the appointment, which is one that has given much satisfaction to horse-owners and the public generally.

**Mr. W. H. WANKLYN**
**Secretary Canterbury J.C. and N.Z. Racing Conference.**

## MR. W. H. E. WANKLYN.

Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, Secretary to the Canterbury Jockey Club and New Zealand Racing Conference, was, for some years prior to entering into business in the commission agency line in Hawera, a bank clerk, and probably up to the time of being appointed paid Secretary to the Egmont Racing Club in 1889, had taken more interest in cricket than in any other branch of sport. The affairs of the Egmont Racing Club at the time of Mr. Wanklyn's appointment were in a flourishing condition. Mr. R. H. Nolan and Mr. Charles Ranson, who had each preceded him as Hon. Secretary, were both very popular, and it was due largely to their efforts the club had prospered. As a result, there was £500 in hand and no liabilities when Mr. Wanklyn came on the scene. Improvements continued to be made, and the club went on progressing.

Attracted by an announcement from the Canterbury Jockey Club for a Secretary, Mr. Wanklyn, recommended by the Egmont Club, was an applicant, and the successful one, and, being a smart accountant, his banking experience was of great service to him in his new and important position. Prior to Mr. Wanklyn's appointment, "A Well Wisher of the Turf" had written a letter on "Turf Reform," which appeared in the *Weekly Press*, and attracted some attention at the time. Mr. Wanklyn in due course became known as the author, and it may here be mentioned that many of the reforms suggested at the time have actually been inaugurated, and Mr. Wanklyn himself has been placed in a position as Secretary to the Racing Conference to assist in seeing them carried out.

The formation of a club to be called the New Zealand Jockey Club, to take control of racing, the complete revision of the rules of racing, the publication of a monthly racing calendar, the setting up of a Board to decide cases on appeal, and to recommend to the authorities clubs for totalisator permits, to have control of fees and fines from jockeys and trainers, and keep a register of horses, jockeys, trainers, owners, colours, etc.: these suggestions have come to pass. The appointment of handicappers for different parts of New Zealand was also suggested at the time. The publication of the New Zealand Stud Book is a work Mr. Wanklyn undertook on behalf of the New Zealand Racing Conference, and two issues of that work of national importance have been published under his personal supervision. Mr. Wanklyn has done a considerable amount of auditing work for various companies, and has shown much capacity for clerical work, his services having been freely acknowledged during his fourteen years' residence in Christchurch.

**Mr. WILLIAM PERCIVAL**
**Secretary Auckland Racing Club.**

# MR. WILLIAM PERCIVAL.

Mr. William Percival, Secretary to the Auckland Racing Club, was born at Wansford, in England, in 1841, and belongs to a well-known hunting family there. In 1863 he came out to New Zealand, settling in Canterbury, and his connection with sport in the colony commenced there, for soon after his arrival he, in conjunction with the late Mr. Joe Page, raced a mare called Locomotive for the first steeplechase held in the Riccarton district, the course being over what was then known as Mr. William Lunn's farm. Locomotive, ridden by the late R. Raey, was winning easily, but fell at the last fence, and Sir Westby Hawkshaw Percival's Jessie, ridden by the late Mr. Jannaway, won, but was disqualified for being entered as of a wrong age, and as no other horse finished the course, it was decided to run the race over again the following week, when Locomotive won. For some years Mr. Percival was a member of Sir Cracroft Wilson's Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry. In 1868 he went to Auckland, and resided at the Thames for several years, and was elected Secretary to the Thames Jockey Club's meeting got up in honour of the Duke of Edinburgh's arrival in the colony.

In 1873 Mr. Percival left the Thames to live in Auckland, and joined the Auckland Racing Club as Secretary. He practically ran most of the early meetings, as he found it a difficult matter to get members or members of committee together for the conduct of business. During his long term of office—nearly 33 years—he has seen racing grow from very small dimensions to its present progressive state, and no club has prospered more than the Auckland Racing Club, which institution was formed by the amalgamation of the Auckland Jockey Club, of which the late Captain Daveney was Secretary, and the Auckland Turf Club, which had been formed by Mr. Joe Bennett, and had held one meeting only. None of the original members of the Auckland Racing Club are now connected with that institution. Mr. Percival has been Secretary for a number of district clubs—the Auckland Agricultural Society, Tattersall's Club, and Pakuranga Hunt Club. For quite a number of years he was handicapper for the Thames, Papakura, Takapuna, Henderson's Mill, Dargaville, Whangarei, and a number of Waikato racing clubs, and acted in conjunction with Mr. John Kirkwood for the Auckland Racing Club for a number of meetings.

The Auckland Racing Club was one of the first to support the introduction of the totalisator and the licensing of bookmakers, and the automaton and the penciller have worked side by side.

**Mr. W. J. STRATTON**
**Secretary Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.**

so to speak, ever since. The pencillers have always had a part of the ground set aside for them.

Mr. Percival was, from 1886 to 1893, Master of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, and he imported some fine stud hounds from the Pytchley, Warwickshire, and Cottesmore kennels. Mr. Percival rode in a number of cross-country events, and was the first Master to take hounds into the Waikato. For the late Mr. S. Morrin he rode Saunterer, and ran Don Juan, and later on, for himself, ran Butcher Boy, and he afterwards owned and ran St. Swithin, Quilp, Tommy, and Jim. Don Juan and Jim each won the Pakuranga Hunt Club Cup on two occasions, Don Juan running in Mr. Morrin's nomination on the last occasion. Some of the horses mentioned raced for Mr. Percival at the open meetings. Besides owning and racing a few jumpers, he also had several flat horses and a number of brood mares, chief of which may be mentioned Satanella, who was still alive at the close of the season of 1905, at the age of 25 years, having made herself a name as a prolific stud matron, and famous as the dam of St. Paul, St. Clements, St. Ursula, St. Olga, Linstock, and others. Mr. Percical also bred Ben Godfrey, Leda, and Electra from Welcome Katie, and has still a small stud at his home at Stibbington, in the Epsom district.

## MR. W. J. STRATTON.

Mr. W. J. Stratton, Secretary to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, was born in London in 1872, and came to New Zealand in 1892. He first settled in Taranaki, and later in the South, at Christchurch, going Home, however, in 1897. On his return to New Zealand he took up his residence at Hastings, and became associated with Hastings and Hawke's Bay papers, the *Herald* being the last one for which he acted prior to taking up the secretarial work for the metropolitan racing club of the district. Mr. Stratton is also Secretary for the Hawke's Bay County Gun Club, and takes considerable interest in sport.

Mr. Stratton, as many will remember, has achieved distinction as a swimmer. On the occasion of his visit to England in 1897, he was second for the Salt Water Championship of England, third in two 500 yards events, second in the Championship of London, fourth in the Championship of Australia, and second in the International Championship at Brussels, being beaten by Cavill. He has won a number of aquatic events, and won the swimming championship in New Zealand. Three years of service as Secretary to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club has tended to educate him to the wants and requirements of patrons of the sport of racing, and it is pleasing to note that the club he represents has been steadily regaining its position for some time past.

**Mr. A. E. WHYTE**
**Secretary Wellington Racing Club.**

## MR. A. E. WHYTE.

Mr. A. E. Whyte, Secretary to the Wellington Racing Club, was born in Hollytown, near Glasgow, and was educated at the Glasgow Academy and Merton College, Surrey; came to New Zealand in 1888, and has been associated with all branches of sport since that time. He played football for the first Parnell District Team, winning the championship in both years; rowed for St. George's Rowing Club, and won in about ten regattas as maiden, junior, and senior; went to the South Island in 1894, and was one of the Canterbury fours in 1896; played cricket for Carisbrook A. and B. teams, and was captain of the latter.

Mr. Whyte is extremely popular with the many who know him, and since becoming Secretary to the Wellington Racing Club has thrown all his energy into the work necessary to bring that institution into greater prominence, and to his efforts to promote the best interests of racing in Wellington may be traced the selection and purchase of the new racecourse grounds at Trentham. He is encouraged by a live committee to go on throwing heart into the work, which is taking such practical shape that it is fully expected that racing will be in full swing on one of the most up-to-date racecourses in the colony in the season of 1905-6.

The Wellington Racing Club is one of the oldest established in the colony, and racing was carried on near the settlement in the early forties. There are still living some of the pioneers who witnessed the first meetings, and who are looking forward to taking part at the first meeting on the new racecourse near Silverstream. The Wellington Racing Club caters for all classes of racehorses with the exception of ponies, and gives a number of liberal classic events during each season.

**Mr. HARRY JAMES**
**Secretary Dunedin Jockey Club.**

## MR. HARRY L. JAMES.

Mr. H. L. James, son of the late Mr. Sydney James, who, at the time of his death in 1900, was Secretary to the Dunedin Jockey Club—a position he had held for over a third of a century—was born in Dunedin in 1866, and educated there, and assisted his father in the Club's office from the time he left the Otago High School. After his marriage in 1891, Mr. James was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Dunedin Jockey Club, and held the position for several years. On the death of his father he was appointed Secretary, at the age of 26 years, being then the youngest secretary of a metropolitan racing club in the colony. The Dunedin Jockey Club was one of the most prosperous racing clubs in New Zealand for many years, but had a succession of bad years, and the condition under which the Forbury Park racecourse was held tended to cripple it financially. At the new course at Wingatui steady progress is being made, and Mr. Harry James has proved himself a popular and business-like man for the position he holds, and is hopeful of seeing the old-established Dunedin Jockey Club resume its old position amongst the racing institutions of the colony. Mr. James is also Secretary to the successful Tahuna Park Trotting Club.

**Mr. FRANK MOFFATT**
**Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.**

## MR. FRANK MOFFATT.

Mr. F. Moffatt, Secretary to the Wanganui Jockey Club, was born in December, 1870, in the Parish of Walls, Shetland Islands, and came to New Zealand with his parents in 1875, settling first at Karamea, on the West Coast, and in 1879 at Palmerston North, where he joined Freeman R. Jackson and Co.'s stock agency branch as accountant in 1890, and three years later accepted a similar position in the same firm's business at Wanganui, including the clerical duties in connection with the secretaryship of the Wanganui Jockey Club, the late Mr Freeman R. Jackson then being Honorary Secretary, a position he held for 26 years. During Mr. Jackson's protracted illness, covering the last two years of his holding office, Mr. Moffatt carried out the duties with such conspicuous ability that on Mr. Jackson resigning in August, 1900, Mr. Moffatt was appointed to the position, and has also remained ever since accountant to the same firm. There are few secretaries who are more conversant with their duties, and who get through them with greater expedition, less friction, and more satisfaction generally to the patrons of the sport. He attends personally to the totalisator investment department, and has a staff of well-trained assistants, and the public are never kept waiting for their dividends, prompt remittances being made, following on the lines the business of the Wanganui Jockey Club has been conducted on for upwards of thirty years. Mr. Moffatt has the honour of representing as Secretary one of the oldest racing institutions in New Zealand, since its history dates back into the forties, and he is associated with good workers in the management thereof, some of whom have been identified with the town and district and racing therein from its infancy. It was the first club in this colony to give a thousand sovereigns to a handicap race, as long back as 1880, and has kept on the even tenor of its way of steady progress from year to year; its course and training grounds are up-to-date, and its meetings are decidedly popular.

**Mr. MUSSELL FLEETWOOD**
**Secretary Taranaki Jockey Club.**

## MR. MUSSELL FLEETWOOD.

Mr. Fleetwood was born in Wiltshire, England, and belongs to a hunting family, and did some race-riding as a boy, his first essays being in hunters' races at a meeting for hunters in the Vale of Wyllie, when he won a flat race. He hunted with the South Devon and West Wilts, also with the Duke of Beaufort, in North Wiltshire, before coming out to this colony in 1862, his first landing place being in Napier, where he remained until 1867, when he went to Melbourne, saw some racing there, and went back to England and saw Hermit win the Derby, coming back to this colony in 1868 with his brother John, who settled in Wanganui and raced and bred a few horses. Mr. Fleetwood there rode a horse called Supplejack, and won a hurdle race in which Messrs. L. Daniel, Carlyon, G. Peake, W. Lingard, and W. Brewer had mounts. The paper chases in those days were a great attraction, and all the best jumpers were brought into requisition for them, and in more than one Mr. Fleetwood shared. The brothers Fleetwood bred Harold, by Don Juan from Glenary, Lady Grace, Phantasy, and Martha, and owned Escape, dam of that fast horse Escapade, and others.

It was during his visit to England in May, 1867, that Mr. Fleetwood witnessed Lady Barbara and Hue and Cry run two dead heats, and saw Hue and Cry win the run-off, an event of a lifetime. Mr. Fleetwood was at one time a committeeman and steward of the Rangitikei, Turakina, Waverley, and Wanganui Clubs, and has been Secretary to the Taranaki Jockey Club, the metropolitan club of Taranaki, for nearly six years, during which time that Club has made fair progress.

**Mr. ROBERT WYNYARD**
**Secretary Takapuna Jockey Club.**

## MR. ROBERT WYNYARD.

Mr. Robert Wynyard, who has been so long Secretary to the Takapuna Jockey Club, is New Zealand-born, and amongst the best-known Auckland boys who are following sport as a business and pastime. He is a son of Captain Gladwyn Wynyard, and grandson of the late Lieutenant-Governor Wynyard of the 58th Regiment. The late Sir George Grey took a great interest in young Wynyard, who was educated at the Collegian School under the Rev. Kidd, also at the Wesley and Grammar Schools, Auckland, and accompanied Sir George Thurston at the age of fifteen years on a trip to the Fiji Islands. During his college days one of Mr. Wynyard's tutors was a young man named Scott, who afterwards became the notorious Captain Scott, alias Moonlight, whose deeds of daring-do as a bushranger and his sensational end are referred to in Rolf Boldrewood's "Robbery Under Arms." Mr. Wynyard is one of the most popular racing secretaries in the colony.

**Mr. J. M. JOHNSTON**
**Secretary Manawatu Racing Club.**

## MR. J. M. JOHNSTON.

The gentleman whose portrait appears on the opposite page is a native of Ireland, and recently returned from an extended visit to the Emerald Isle. Mr. Johnston came to Maoriland over twenty years ago, and has been in touch with sport during the whole time. Over a period of some years he filled the position of Hon. Secretary to the Marton-Rangitikei Hunt Club, and until he met with an accident on Heaton Park, which prevented his subsequent appearance in the saddle, he was a regular follower of the hounds.

After removing from Marton to Palmerston North, Mr. Johnston became Honorary Treasurer to the Manawatu Racing Club, and it was in a large measure due to his experience and exertions that many beneficial works were undertaken and carried through, and reforms effected through the agency of his Club. Subsequently he was elected to, and has for some years acted as Secretary to this highly-progressive institution, and has had the satisfaction of seeing racing in general, and the Club's affairs in particular, progress in leaps and bounds; and now he can justly claim that the Manawatu Racing Club is one of the most up-to-date in all its appointments within the colonies.

For the past eight years he has occupied the position of Hon. Treasurer to the Manawatu-West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and it can be said, and the statement will be generally endorsed, that no man has worked more zealously in the interests of this, one of the greatest of colonial stock and implement expositions in Australasia.

**Mr. E. GOODBEHERE**
**Secretary Feilding Jockey Club.**

## MR. EDMUND GOODBEHERE.

Mr. Goodbehere was born in England in 1854, and came to New Zealand in 1880, and settled down in Feilding, where he has resided ever since and identified himself with the progress of that town and district. The Feilding settlement was in its infancy when Mr. Goodbehere first made it his home, but its progress has been solid, and it is now one of the most flourishing of inland towns in the colony and the centre of a large, rich, pastoral district, the major portion of which was at the time of Mr. Goodbehere's arrival heavily and richly timbered. Feilding is not only known as one of the most progressive of country towns, but has taken a leading place in the field of sport, and racing is carried on by the Feilding Jockey Club, of which Mr. Edmund Goodbehere has been Secretary for about sixteen years, on such popular lines that people from all parts have bestowed such liberal patronage upon meetings held there as to make it second to no other racing club in the colony outside two or three of the metropolitan bodies. Mr. Goodbehere took office as Secretary when racing was not in such a flourishing condition as it is to-day, and the affairs of the Club were not being carried on with success, but ever since that time the Club has never looked back, and it is generally recognised that he has done a great deal towards making the Club what it is, and there is no doubt that he has had ready assistance from the members and those whom they have appointed from year to year to work with him. During Mr. Goodbehere's term of service as Secretary to the Feilding Jockey Club he also held for some years the high office of Mayor of the borough.

**Mr. M. G. NASMITH**
**Secretary Gisborne Racing Club.**

## MR. M. G. NASMITH.

Mr. Nasmith, Secretary to the Gisborne Racing Club, was born in Berwick, in Tweed, Scotland, and came to New Zealand in 1860. He took up his residence in Dunedin for a period of ten years, thence going to Napier, and on to Gisborne, where he has settled down ever since. In his time he has owned a few useful horses, and Westend, Skysail, and Marquis may be mentioned amongst the earliest, while Gundagai, if not the best, was one of the profitable sort, for he won for his owner twenty-two races in less than as many months. He was a particularly fast horse over fences and short courses. Mr. Nasmith in late years has not done any racing, but has bred a few performers, amongst which can be mentioned Luna, Zanziba, Crescent, and Calle Iris, descendants of Maymoon. He was Secretary of the first Waerenga-a-hika Jockey Club, and upon resigning was presented with a watch. With Captain Tucker, who acts as judge for both the Gisborne Racing Clubs, the Hon. Jas. Carroll, the President, and Messrs. Hepburn and Mathewson, he has worked from the start of the Gisborne Racing Club, when he undertook the Secretaryship, in 1889. The Club was never in a more prosperous position than at the present time, and it is freely acknowledged that Mr. Nasmith is entitled to much of the credit due. For some years Mr. Nasmith acted as handicapper to some of the clubs in the Bays, and has filled various other offices in connection with racing.

**Mr. E. L. MAUDE**
**Secretary Poverty Bay Turf Club.**

## MR. E. L. MAUDE.

Mr. Edwin Leonard Maude, son of the late Mr. William Maude, of Gisborne, is one of the youngest racing secretaries in the colony, having been appointed to his present position as Secretary to the Poverty Bay Turf Club in the spring of 1902. He went with his parents from Auckland as a child to reside in Gisborne in 1876, and after going to school there assisted in his father's ironmongery business for some years. The late Mr. Maude took an interest in racing affairs, and was President of the Gisborne Racing Club from about its inception until the time of his death in 1893, and was the founder of the Poverty Bay Park Company.

The subject of this sketch was for some time Honorary Secretary to the Poverty Bay Rugby Union, and at an earlier date played football in matches about the bays. He now fills quite a number of important offices, being Secretary to the East Coast Acclimatisation Society, Gisborne Chamber of Commerce, Gisborne Farmers' Union, Kaiti Road Board, Licensed Victuallers' Association, and Poverty Bay Caledonian Society, and was Secretary for the now defunct Poverty Bay Hunt Club, and, as before stated, is Secretary to the progressive Poverty Bay Turf Club, which Club, during his term of office, has gone on improving its position, due in no small measure to his untiring efforts to obtain the support of horse-owners and the public.

[Since writing the above, Mr. Maude has resigned to take up a position in a leading business in Gisborne. Mr. J. Walker Bain has been appointed his successor.]

**Mr. HARRY HAYR**
**Secretary Avondale Jockey Club.**

## MR. H. H. HAYR.

Mr. H. H. Hayr was born in Auckland in 1859, and educated at the Auckland Grammar School and Auckland College, on leaving which he was employed in the New Zealand Shipping Company's office, when the Ladybird, Phoebe, Taranaki, and Wellington were their steamers, and continued in the service until the Union Steam Shipping Company purchased those boats, when he went with Mr. W. J. Cawkwell in the agency business for the Auckland Distillery. After a time he went as purser on the Union Company's Taranaki, and was on her when she was lost at Karewa Island, off Tauranga, all hands being saved. After this he went to the Lyttelton office of the Company, joining the Taiaroa, but left that steamer a few weeks before she was wrecked between Wellington and Lyttelton, on which occasion Mr. R. Vallance was amongst those who lost their lives. After this Mr. Hayr joined the Wanaka, and later on the Pacific mail steamer Zealandia, in which service he remained for four years.

Returning, he settled in Auckland, taking up the general agency business, and acting as the representative of the Great Burlington Railway Company across America. Later on he purchased the Scott Printing Company, and after a time issued the *Sporting Review*, and ran that paper for about five years. During part of this time Mr. Hayr was Secretary to Auckland Tattersall's Club, the Pakuranga Hunt Club, Auckland Coursing Club, and Avondale Jockey Club, which latter club, with Mr. M. Foley, the President, and a few others, he helped to promote.

After the formation of the Avondale Jockey Club, Mr. Hayr got the contract for working the totalisators for the Auckland Racing Club. At that time he had no machines, but has continued to act for Hayr and Co. ever since, and this firm do business at a number of country meetings in Auckland also.

Prior to this, Mr. Hayr indulged in racing, Ma Petite Fille, Tourist, The Squire, Pink Rose, Fishmonger, Kingswood (in conjunction with Mr. J. Russell), Bonovoree, and others representing him. He also owned a few good greyhounds, was a regular attendant at the Pakuranga Hunt Club meets, and was the original Secretary of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, from which he received a presentation—only one of many. In November, 1877, he won the first mile race in Graham's Gardens, for which he received and holds a trophy.

Mr. Hayr owns the beautifully-built little oil launch Waitiri, reckoned a masterpiece in boat-building. He has instituted many social and sporting reunions, and has no end of sporting

**Mr. WALTER ARMSTRONG**
**Secretary South Wairarapa Trotting Club.**

agencies. He was the first to introduce into New Zealand the present style of getting up race cards by putting the names of the horses before their owners. Mr. Hayr is one of the Auckland agents for Tattersall's consultations.

## MR. WALTER ARMSTRONG.

Mr. Walter Armstrong, who was born in Wellington on the 3rd December, 1853, was about ten years of age when he first commenced riding in catch-weight races, when owners were always on the alert to find the lightest riders they could, and from that time until he had the misfortune to break his leg while riding in a race on the Opaki course on December 5th, 1878, by colliding with a post, was recognised as one of the finest young horsemen in the Wairarapa, and has been known as an excellent judge of horse stock in those parts during his long connection with the sport. Amongst the many horses he rode with success may be mentioned Rangitoto, Minnie Grey, Koromiko, Dewy, Panama, Kangaroo, Raki, Ouida, Diver, Patch, Talleyrand, and Minnie Clyde, names familiar in racecourse story. In more recent years Mr. Armstrong trained with success the horses Mahara, Karamu, and old Dromedary, who might have won Levanter's New Zealand Grand National but for falling over a policeman in the last furlong of that memorable event. Mr. Armstrong has acted as Secretary to the Lower Valley Jockey Club, also as handicapper to the same club, and the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club and Wairarapa Racing Club, and is now, and has been for some seasons past, Secretary to the South Wairarapa Trotting Club.

**Mr. C. F MARK**
**Secretary Auckland Trotting Club.**

## MR. C. F. MARK.

Mr. C. F. Mark, Secretary to the Auckland Trotting Club, was born in Belfast, where he was educated, and came to New Zealand in March, 1875, his father, a Presbyterian minister, coming out in connection with the Vesey Stewart settlement, Katikati, Bay of Plenty. Coming to Auckland, Mr. Mark was associated with the Auckland Tramway Company as accountant for six years, up to the time the Company went into liquidation.

He has been Secretary to the Auckland Trotting Club for fifteen years, since it was first formed, and acted for the first meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club. He has been a member of the New Zealand Trotting Association for a considerable time, and a delegate for the Auckland Trotting Club at the Trotting Conferences. Mr. Mark was Secretary for the original Auckland Coursing Club, Secretary to the Auckland Kennel Club and the Auckland Poultry Association, and acted as Secretary for the last meeting of the old Onehunga Racing Club. He was also handicapper for the Auckland Chess Club, and played in the first class after his second year to the end of his connection with that club. During Mr. Mark's long association with trotting he has assisted in the improvement from time to time of the excellent rules governing the sport of trotting in New Zealand, and has proved himself an untiring and capable worker, both for his Club and the Association.

**Mr. FRED. YONGE**
**Amateur Rider, Racing Secretary.**

## MR. F. D. YONGE.

Mr. Fred. Yonge, who is Secretary to the Papakura Racing Club, Otahuhu Racing Club, and Otahuhu Trotting Club, is well known on the metropolitan and suburban Auckland racecourses, upon which he has assisted in various capacities for many years past. He was at one time one of the best-known leading amateur horsemen, and when sixteen years of age finished third on a mare called Misfortune in the Pakuranga Hunt Club Steeplechase, second on Dick in the Amberley (Canterbury) Steeplechase, second on Sunray and Rebel Chief in successive years to King Don in the same race, the last-named being ridden by Mr. T. Halstead. The race between Sunray and King Don was a memorable one. They were never far apart the whole way, but King Don outstayed Mr. Yonge's mount. The editor remembers that a horse called Topthorn, which he owned and bestrode, and about whom he had taken bets to the amount of £350 to £21, finished third on that occasion, after dropping his rider at the water jump opposite the grandstand at Ellerslie, then sixteen feet wide, and raced over for the first time.

"I could hear the crowd shouting, though still far away,
'King Don wins! King Don! No, Sunray! Sunray!'
I bit my lips then, but it's no use to mourn,
Though the cry I'd expected to hear was, 'Topthorn! Topthorn!'"

Two years later Mr. Yonge won the race, then much coveted, on Hawthorn, and also the Light-weight Steeplechase on the same horse. He also won, amongst other races, the Polo Cup on Larry, the Hunters' Flat Race at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting on Raglan, and the Ladies' Bracelet at the A.R.C. Winter Meeting on Leorina. Mr. Yonge rode frequently at the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association's Shows, and took three first prizes for horsemanship over fences.

**Mr. H. BRINKMAN**

**A Prominent New Zealand Handicapper of Trotting Horses.**

## MR. H. BRINKMAN.

Mr. Harry Brinkman, who does the bulk of the handicapping of trotting horses in New Zealand, was born in Bendigo, Victoria, and came to New Zealand in 1878, settling in Canterbury, and residing in Christchurch, where he has been engaged in the retail meat trade. His first connection with trotting was well on in the eighties, when he owned a mare called Lady Warbeck, and he shortly afterwards was made a committeeman on the Canterbury Trotting Club. Soon afterwards he owned the Berlin mares H.R.H. and Regina, and they won a few races. About this time the handicapping question was a burning one, and a committee, of which he was made one, was appointed. Each member of the committee, it was arranged, should frame handicaps independent of the others, and then meet and compare. This plan did not work out satisfactorily, nor were handicappers for other clubs giving anything like satisfaction to owners. After several committees had been tried, Mr. Brinkman was at last appointed sole handicapper, and as time wore on he found it quite safe to come out without a gun, and the improvement of the tracks and the development of the horses, which were formerly only half trained, assisted in enabling form to be better gauged and estimated. From time to time Mr. Brinkman's services have been more sought after, and he has been acting for about twenty clubs, including the Canterbury, now the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, Tahuna Park, Palmerston South, Oamaru, Kurow, Waimate, Timaru, Ashburton R.C. and T.C., Little River, Oxford, Hororata, North Canterbury, Ohoka, Plumpton, New Brighton, and Wairau Clubs, and a number of sports meetings, besides which he has also acted for the Wairarapa Trotting Club.

**Mr. HARRY GOODMAN**
**Horseman, Owner, Trainer.**

# MR. HARRY GOODMAN.

There are few men racing who have had a more interesting or a more eventful career than Mr. Harry Goodman, the well-known trainer. He was born in Adelaide, but left there at five years old, and first went on a station with Mr. Benjamin Ebbon, afterwards being transferred to Harry Mount, the trainer, and won his first race—the Shorts, at Ballarat—at the first extended races, now called the Miners' races. It was the first meeting on the Ballarat course. He also rode at Lake Lamotti, and at Yam Buck, in 1861.

It was in 1862 that Goodman came to Dunedin, New Zealand, under engagement to ride Kauri Gum in a match for £500 a-side against Falcon, an Australian horse, to be ridden by T. Hayes, an Australian horseman. George Smith was looking after Kauri Gum, and Goodman was set to look after Rob Roy. A Mr. Farquhar was the backer of Falcon, and he also played a billiard match for a similar amount against a better man than himself in Jack Lamb, and lost both matches.

Some time later on Goodman went with Messrs. Carson and Jas. McKenzie, railway contractors, who had the horses Black Doctor, Antonelli, Partisan, and Loddon, which Joe Morrison brought over from Australia. These horses, with Shillelagh and Young Alma, ran at the Champion Meeting at which Ladybird, Mormon, Revoke, and Ultima competed. On Partisan, Goodman won the Booth Handicap, and on Young Alma the Forced Handicap, and on Poison, a horse in which Mr. Charlie Bird had some interest, he won the Hack Hurdle Race, catch weights, sixteen starters. At that time Goodman weighed 5st. 9lb., a nice catch weight. It was supposed that Poison had a history, and also a horse called Bendigo, who came over about the same time. Goodman went back to Australia with Joe Morrison, but returned soon afterwards to New Zealand, in 1864. At the first of the Champion Meetings held in Canterbury, in January, 1865, Goodman rode second to Shillelagh on Antonelli in the Canterbury Cup, Shillelagh running in winkers.

The late Jack Laing brought Shillelagh over from Hobart for his owner. After riding again for Mr. Carson, of Dunedin, Goodman went back to Melbourne, and was engaged to ride for Mr. Hurtle Fisher, and had the mount on Rose of Denmark, first favourite for the Melbourne Cup in 1865; finished second in the Ascot Vale Stakes on Seagull, but was declared the winner owing to Dan O'Brien, on Fishhook, having gone inside a post. For Mr. Day, Goodman about this time won a hurdle race at Bendigo on Valentine, and was third on Beaufort in his first steeplechase there over big country. Returning again to New Zealand, he rode Musician, full-brother to Mousetrap and Creepmouse, on

the flat and over hurdles, and was with Mr. W. C. Webb when he had Belle of the Isle, Stormbird, Master Rowe, Magenta, and Little Lady. Next year, 1866, he won two races on Candidate, and two hurdle races on Brown Stout, besides a match for £100 a-side on Mocking Bird, and races on Selim and Mocking Bird at Paki on the way to the Buller, races being held on the beach and witnessed by 5,000 people.

After this Goodman went back to Dunedin, and travelled over the goldfields and to various meetings. He rode, amongst other horses Fleur de Lys, Firetail (a Bathurst, N.S.W., Cup winner), Croydon, and Burgundy (on whom he beat Peeress). He trained Maritana and Croydon (by Professor) for Mr. Fitzwentworth, and Captain Scott (by Mariner) and other horses for Mr. Ned Devine ("Cabbage Tree Ned"), of coach-driving fame. Later on, for Mr. Pritchard, he won, in 1872, the Pacific, Forbury, and J.C. Handicaps at Dunedin with Gazelle, and, amongst other winners, Patch, Don Pedro, Sir Tatton, Fire Eater, Chance, and, still later on, Chancellor, with whom he won the C.J.C. Handicap, beating the Traducer mare Maritana, who had beaten him the previous year, and put up the then New Zealand record of 3m. 36¼s. for two miles, a performance only twice previously beaten in the Melbourne Cup. For Harry Yeand he trained Rory O'More and King Phillip. With Kathleen, by Roebuck, grand-dam of St. Denis, he won, in 1876, the Dunedin Birthday Handicap and other races. Stanley was a useful horse also.

A disastrous trip to Australia was made in 1881 with Sir Modred, Somnus, Idalum, and Hilarious, each of which cost Messrs. Pritchard and Proudfoot 1,000 guineas, Mr. H. Prince, a well-known bookmaker-owner, joining in the partnership. Sir Modred, who had won four races in Canterbury while in E. Cutts' charge, only succeeded in winning the Sydney Metropolitan Handicap. After bringing the team back to New Zealand, Goodman missed the Wanganui Cup with Sir Modred, but rode him and won the Wanganui Stakes, also the Dunedin Birthday Handicap. These were not the only good horses Goodman had through his hands. Le Loup (purchased by Mr. A. Snider from Mr. Stead), York, First Lord, Tera, Titania, Blizzard, Invermay, Belvediere, Moss Rose, Billy, Apropos, Silvermark, Somneil, Violin, Glengarry, Quibble, Casket, Pitch and Toss, Euroclydon, and Solution include all the best, and some of these were owned by Goodman himself, or jointly with others. He votes Euroclydon the best horse he ever had, Silvermark and Sir Modred good horses, Quibble a bread and butter winner, Billy (winner of numerous races) a consistent battler. Blizzard was a useful handicap horse, and Apropos, though somewhat unreliable, a brilliant mare. The Dunedin Cup fell to Casket; the D.J.C. Birthday Handicap to Kathleen, Sir Modred, and Blizzard; the D.J.C. Handicap to Captain Scott, Gazelle

and Blizzard; the Forbury Handicap to Gazelle and Silvermark; the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap to Pitch and Toss; First Lord, the Middle Park Plate; Mountebank, the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap; Casket, the C.J.C. Great Easter Handicap; Euroclydon, the Canterbury Cup, Canterbury Derby, and New Zealand Cup; Apropos, Silvermark and Somneil, the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes. Mr. Goodman is now training for Mr. St. John Buckley.

## MR. JAMES MUNN.

"One of the sort that was never afraid,
One of the boys of the old brigade."

Mr. James Munn was born in Wellington in 1853, and at fourteen years of age was employed by Mr. Henry Parker, butcher, of Hawke's Bay. He rode Ranter and Euclid first, and, for the late Mr. Geo. Richardson, Blueskin, the races being held on the beach near Napier. On Mr. Douglas' Warrengate, at Kaikoura North, he won his first steeplechase, but next year was beaten on the same owner's Baron. At the next meeting, at Mr. Powdrell's, Meanee, he won all four steeplechase events, Baron accounting for two. Other horses he trained and won with were Kaukaroa, Tamatea, Tawera, Otupai, Henana, and Wairarapa, some of these horses being raced as far north as Wanganui with success. For a time he was with Mr. Geo. Cutts, who was training for the late Mr. James Watt, and had gone from Kohimarama, Auckland, and had Moss Rose, Kingsman (by Pacific), Chrysolis, Abbess, and Discretion in Hawke's Bay. Munn took Nebula and Abbess to Auckland for Mr. N. Walker about 1868, and brought Orlando back with him. After that he went packing for the troops for two winters on the Taupo line, and later on went to Auckland with Prince Charlie for Dr. Russell, after winning a race with him, beating Orlando and Abbess at Puketapu, Heslop's Farm. Munn rode at the special race meeting at the Thames got up in honour of the Duke of Edinburgh, and on Kaiser beat Lacenfeed, ridden by J. McLashan. After returning to Hawke's Bay, he trained for both Mr. G. P. Donnelly and the late Mr. William Douglas, and a few other owners, and such noted performers as Primrose, Mangahone, Owaoko, Volcano, Rawenata, Mutiny, Kapua, Wheriko, Christina, Bonny Blink, and Waitere were amongst the number he trained. Later on he trained Douglas for Mr. Donnelly, and such as The Brook, Brooklet, Rosefeldt, all Cup winners and good performers, for the late Mr. William Douglas. Munn has ridden many winners between the flags: Rarey (winner of the Auckland Summer Steeplechase), The Baron, when he won the Wanganui and Hawke's Bay Steeplechases, and

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**"The Old Identity."**

other cross-country events. He was on the back of Mr. Douglas' Ruahine in a memorable race over the Wanganui country against Dr. Connolly's Dhudeen, ridden by his old chum, W. Edwards. The horses were jumping side by side throughout, and the wildest excitement prevailed. The owners would run it off, and another great race ensued, Munn's mount gaining the verdict. Wet-Reef and Gold Dust are the latest performers with which Munn has been associated.

## MR. WILLIAM KRAFT.

Mr. William Kraft, who is at present located at Bulls, Rangitikei, and still training horses, started his connection with racing in Melbourne, and was at Meredith, Stoney Rises, Bunnyong, and Ballarat in 1852 with a sporting family named Hill, and took horses to Castlemaine about Flying Buck's Champion Stakes year, 1859. At this time Kraft was under six stone, and rode in catch-weight hack races. Coming to New Zealand, he rode on the Dunstan and at various goldfields meetings in Otago, and used to ride in the horse market in Dunedin for Wright, Stephenson and Co., auctioneers, when no racing was on. He was following this occupation one day when a crowd of sports were in the yard, and one of the onlookers called out, "Send him up the yard again, Old Identity." To this day Kraft is known as the "Old Identity." He rode all over Otago, riding for Mr. Kinross and Mr. G. G. Glassford, and others. Going to Hokitika and the West Coast, he schooled and rode horses over fences, also on the flat when his increasing weight would permit. He was with Mr. Henry Redwood in 1872, after leaving Greymouth, and a few years later went to Wanganui, where he rode Brigham Young to victory in the Wanganui Steeplechase, fourteen horses starting, that being the largest field that ever ran in the race, then a welter weight-for-age event. Kraft afterwards rode Gazelle in hurdle events, but, accepting a retainer to ride for the three stables of the late Major Morse, Mr. J. Day, and Messrs. J. W. Jackson and T. Rowe, he discontinued riding over obstacles. He won weight-for-age races on Opawa, and the Taranaki Cup on that horse and on Resolution, and the Wanganui Derby on Forest Queen, besides other events on different horses. For two seasons he had charge of the sire Painter, and was for some time at Sylvia Park looking after Musket, but got back to the Wanganui district, and has been engaged in training a horse or two every season since. There are few old-time racing men who don't know "The Old Identity."

**Mr. STEWART WADDELL**
**A Prominent Trainer in Hawke's Bay.**

# MR. STEWART WADDELL.

Mr. Stewart Waddell, private trainer to the Hon. J. D. Ormond, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and came to this colony (to Otago) in 1863. For the first three years he followed the soft goods business, but did not like the line, and then became attached to Mr. Glassford's stable. James Gordon was then training. Rambler, Allander, Scud, Musician, and Creepmouse were some of the horses he had to do with at that time. Allander was named after a river in the Glassford estate in England, and was the first horse he ever rode. On Musician, he won the Dunstan Handicap two years in succession. He was a fair horse, and ran second to Knottingly at three years in the three mile weight-for-age race. Schoolboy was another on which he won. After this Waddell won races on Atlas, another useful horse, and trained and won races on him at Tokomaru and Clutha for Mr. F. White, who purchased him from Mr. Hazlett. He bought and raced Cloth of Gold, previously owned by Mr. Studholme.

Later on, when Dan O'Brien had Fishhook, Waddell was with that trainer-owner for twelve months, and went to Australia and brought over for Mr. Neilson the great Lonehand. Waddell rode Te Whetumarama in the Geraldine Cup when he finished second to Maritana in that race. While over for Lonehand he purchased a horse called Rangatira, and ran him at the winter meeting of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club, afterwards bringing him to New Zealand and winning races with him on the Otago goldfields. Joining John Chaafe, who was then training horses for Mr. Kitchen, he rode Nautilus and Atlantic in some of their races.

After being with Chaafe twelve months, Waddell purchased Taiaroa for Messrs. Stevenson and Hazlett, and trained old Mata and Eugene. Then followed Hyacinth and Captain Webster, both good ones, and later on Occident, Hippomenes, Francotte, Lustre, Tempest, and others. Tempest won the Dunedin Cup, and the others were all good horses, Francotte and Hippomenes doing much service. Hippomenes was purchased out of a selling race for 300 guineas, and won the C.J.C. Easter Handicap and Challenge Stakes. Waddell owned and raced Captive, Bay Bell, and others prior to joining the Hon. J. D. Ormond as private trainer, about ten years ago, during which time he has trained some good horses, notably Renown, Daunt, Sir Lancelot, Ideal, Jabber, Sir Tristram, and others referred to in dealing with the Hon. J. D. Ormond's Karamu racing career on an early page.

**Mr. HORACE LUNN**

**A One-Time Prominent Horseman, Trainer and Owner.**

# MR. HORACE LUNN.

Mr. Horace Lunn, for many years a leading horseman between the flags, a successful trainer and owner, but for some years retired to farming life at Trelisic, Waiau, Canterbury, was born in Wellington in 1857, and rode his first race when about eight years old on the Christchurch racecourse, on a horse called Strike a Light, Medora, who afterwards gained fame over hurdles and fences, winning by a short head. From that time on Mr. Lunn continued riding for his father until he had horses of his own, and took to training for various owners. On his father's well-remembered mare, Alice Grey, he had some of his early successes over hurdles, and Fakir and Grey Momus were the first two horses that he himself owned and raced; but he was associated with the riding, training, and ownership of many others from year to year afterwards, until about five years ago, when he went into sheep farming.

Some good horses, too, passed through his hands; indeed, it falls to the lot of few horsemen to say that they have ridden so many good ones at the hurdle and cross-country business, and have trained so many good flat horses as well. Alice Grey was a good mare in her class; Milo and Fakir were useful; Clarence ("Consistent Clarence") has had few equals under weight in the colonies; Canard was another great horse we never quite saw the best of; Agent was a rare stayer and weight-carrier; King Arthur, Tres Sec, and Grey Momus were good, as also Irish King, Norton, Ilex, Kulnine, Barnado, Social Pest (by Ahua), and many others. With racing weights such as many owners to-day call prohibitive—and with smaller fences and hurdles for their horses to negotiate, too—Ahua, by The Painter, would have been voted a champion. As it was, it was a much-debated point whether he was not about the best all-round horse that ever crossed the New Zealand Grand National fences, for he was a good horse on the flat and over hurdles, and handicappers on occasions asked him to carry as high as 14st. over hurdles, and well up to 13st. over a country, 12st. 10lb. being allotted him in a Grand National. The best of the flat horses Lunn trained were Skirmisher, Merrie England, Clanranald, Chainshot, Kulnine and Ahua, but there were many other useful ones. He rode Agent to victory in the National of 1880, and Canard in 1886, and won the Auckland Summer Steeplechase on Canard in 1883, and won on Clarence in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase of 1883 and 1884.

**Mr. WILLIAM DAVIES**
**A Wellington Trainer-Owner.**

## MR. WILLIAM DAVIES.

Mr. William Davies, the well-known trainer, who has made the Hutt, Wellington, his headquarters for over fifteen years past, was born at Landwern, near Newport, Monmouthshire, England, in 1853, and came to this colony in 1886 with his parents, settling in Canterbury. Always fond of horses, he took to racing early in life, but it was not until he was 22 years of age that he trained his first winner. This was a mare called Mignonette, with which he won the Geraldine Cup of 1875 for the late Mr. Michael Barret, of Temuka. There he remained for some time, eventually finding his way to the North Island, and settling in the Wanganui district, where he had the luck to get hold of a really first-class hurdle and steeplechase gelding, and more than a useful one on the flat, in Mr. R. Higgie's Alaric, a son of Day Dawn. While under his charge, and though practically in the rough, Alaric came out and led from end to end in the Wanganui Steeplechase of 1882, and afterwards won some flat races. After being in retirement for a time, he was purchased by Mr. W. K. Carter, and taken to Auckland, where he won on different courses, and, after being sold again, the Auckland Summer Steeplechase and two hurdle races at the same meeting.

During the past twenty years Davies has had plenty of horses through his hands, but while he has had a number of very useful horses indeed in their class, and some of these have been good winners, Davies owes his success largely in knowing how to place them and when to back them, and on occasions some of his charges have been made the medium of heavy speculation, as the starting-price merchants are not likely to readily forget the names of a few of the more consistent winners. Victories of the St. George horse Kent nearly silenced a number of them, and a few years ago a number of bookmakers intimated to their customers that a £5 limit was the extent of the risk they would undertake about any of the horses trained by Davies. No greater compliment could have been paid that mentor, though it was not intended as such. The restriction did not remain in force long. Kent, Leda, Swordfish, Swordbelt, Melwood, Motor, Wind, Field Battery, and Ballarat are amongst many that have done their mentor good service, and the last-named especially is one that will be remembered for her brilliancy. The heavy metal has been planked down on the daughter of Gold Reef in right good earnest, and several times pencillers in different parts of the colony have had disastrous settlings over her. Leda was a good, but rather an unlucky, mare; Field Battery we never saw the best of, a remark that applies to Melwood; Motor more than paid his way, and was a thoroughly game one.

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**A Wanganui Trainer and One-time Horseman.**

## MR. J. P. BELCHER.

Mr. J. P. Belcher was born in Kent, England, and came to Auckland as a child, removing to Wanganui when a young lad, where he entered the employ of Mr. J. Chadwick, auctioneer, and later on entered into partnership in the corn and produce line with Mr. J. Chadwick, junr. About that time, being fond of horses and a handy weight, he started race-riding as an amateur, and met with considerable success, racing several horses in conjunction with his partner, ultimately training and riding as a professional. In 1875 he won the Wanganui Cup on Mr. T. Rowe's True Blue, and next year for the same owner on Opawa, the first Wanganui Derby on Queen of the Vale, and trained and won on Odd Trick in 1882, and trained and won on Tongariro in 1887. The first horses he trained, all with success, were Satellite, Folly, Elsa, Haphazard, and Maymoon, and later on nearly all the progeny of Crinoline, and some of her grandchildren, all proving stake-earners.

Well on in the eighties Mr. Belcher undertook the training of the late Mr. J. Paul's horses at Wanganui, and the best of them, Boulanger, who had been got in exchange for a worthless son of Musket, and who had been purchased as a yearling at Sylvia Park for Mr. P. Nelson by the editor for 20 guineas, and re-sold on Mr. Nelson's account to the late Mr. James Kean, won over £2,500 in stakes. With the aid of Cretonne, Westmere, Pompom, Variety, and Caribou, Mr. Paul won about £9,000 in stakes, and was the third biggest winner in New Zealand while Belcher trained his horses. With Foxton, another of Mr. Paul's horses, he won the Rangitikei Cup three years in succession. He trained Nanakia when that gelding won steeplechase events and dead-heated with Bootles for the Wanganui Steeplechase. With Sedgebrook, one of the most brilliant horses he ever trained, or that ever raced in New Zealand, he won many races, and has trained many other good stake-winners. The late Doctors Cleghorn, Connolly, and Saunders, Dr. Reid, Dr. Bennett, and Dr. Porritt have been amongst Belcher's patrons. That successful horseman and trainer, J. Hickey, who trained Moifaa when he won the Liverpool Grand National, rode his first race and weighed 5st. 4lb. when he took service with Belcher. George Price was 5st. 7lb. when he entered the same employ, and George Collello, another pupil, who, like the two last-mentioned, turned out a capable horseman, was the same weight as Hickey.

**Mr. HARRY JACKSON**
**Horseman, Trainer, Owner.**

# MR. HARRY JACKSON.

Mr. Harry Jackson was born in Reading, England, on the 2nd February, 1870, and arrived in New Zealand in 1875, and went to school in Christchurch until he was fourteen years old, when he entered the stables of Mr. Dan. O'Brien the year after Tasman's New Zealand Cup, and remained four years. On the first morning he was put up on the 'chaser Katerfelto, and afterwards on Bateman, another jumper, and later on exercised such celebrities as Tasman, Trenton, and Rubina. He had the pleasure of riding Carbine when he did his first gallop, and was the second one to cross his back, J. McGuiness, who was then head lad for Mr. O'Brien, being the first. After serving his apprenticeship, he was with Messrs. J. Lunn, S. Higgott, R. J. Mason, and M. Hobbs at different periods. Jackson had opportunities with the last-named mentor, and rode, amongst others, Prime Warden and Quibble, winning ten races in one season on the last-named, who was most consistent.

About the year 1892 Jackson entered on his training and riding career, Harkaway, a useful horse, being his first charge, and on the West Coast had some experience at the illegitimate game on College Boy, Iroquois, Clarice, May Boy, and others. From the Coast Jackson went to Christchurch, and acted for a season as whip to Mr. Arthur Lyons, the Master of the Christchurch Hounds, T. Steward acting as huntsman. For a short period he acted as private trainer in Dunedin to the Hon. H. Mosman, but with little success, and then went as head lad and rider for J. McGuiness, who had taken the position of trainer to the Hon. G. McLean and other owners. While there Jackson rode Skirmisher, Maremma, and St. Ouida, and later on joined Mr. Sam. Mercer, who was training for himself and Mr. Solomon. On Mr. Mercer's retirement he was entrusted with the team, notable amongst the horses being Blazer, with whom he has been connected ever since, Mr. Solomon having made him a present of that brilliant gelding on retiring from racing. Jackson has had Blazer under his care since he entered upon his three-year-old career, and reckons him the most delicate he has ever had to do with, yet withal an excellent performer, and one that has frequently won races on a light breakfast, if not actually without a morning meal. Blazer was ridden by Jackson in three Champion Plates, three Electric Plates (he started in five altogether), and two Craven Plates, and it was a proud day with Jackson when Blazer defeated Royal Artillery in the Electric Plate. Blazer has won seven races on the Wellington Hutt course, an unbeaten record there for the same number of starts,

and Jackson rode him in five. For some time Jackson has been training for Mr. G. F. Moore, of Bushy Park, Wanganui, and has won with Blazer, Benmore, Armistice, Fontenoy, and St. Lyra, and has been more than ordinarily successful.

## MR. JOHN CHAAFE.

There are few racing men in the colonies who have not heard of John, or, as many know him, Jack Chaafe, one of our veteran trainers. Chaafe's racing experiences would fill a book, and make extremely interesting reading could they be related in all their ruggedness, for they have been such as trainers of to-day can never know. Chaafe came out from Home with Mr. John Eales, jun., in 1854, as a lad. Mr. J. Eales, sen., went Home shortly afterwards, and purchased The Flying Pieman, by The Flying Dutchman, and another colt he called Eclipse, by Collingwood, and Days of Old, a filly by Irish Birdcatcher, all of which have since helped to make racing and stud book history. All three were yearlings. Chaafe rode Eclipse in the first Derby run for at Liverpool, New South Wales, and Billy Ford was on Flying Pieman. Lauristina, a Sydney-bred one, won. Another Derby was run for at Homebush a month later, and Lauristina, who was by Scratch, won that event also. Johnny Higgerson, who died recently in Sydney, and who, it was claimed, was ninety-five years of age at his death, was training for Mr. Eales, but the horses were transferred to Noah Beale, who gained distinction as a horseman and trainer. At Liverpool, Chaafe rode Electricity, a relative to Black Swan, the maternal ancestress of Lady Trenton, dam of Lord Carrington. There was plenty of racing at Duckenfield Park, on the swamps, in the summer, meetings being held every month. Big matches were the vogue in Australia in those days, and Chaafe witnessed Veno, ridden by Higgerson, beat Mr. Chirnside's Alice Hawthorn, ridden by Mahon, for £1,000 a-side, three miles, at Flemington, Victoria, on October 3, 1857; and the same afternoon saw Veno beat Mr. Fraser Van Tromp over the same course for £400 a-side. Veno, two days later, was sold for £1,000. Between the running of those two matches, Cooranim beat Mr. Fraser's Tomboy for £400 a-side. Chaafe also saw Lauristina beat Veno for £1,000 a-side in the month of May of the next year at Homebush, New South Wales, and Ben Bolt beat Lauristina on August 1st, 1858. The connections of Lauristina bought Chevalier from Mr. Henry Redwood to run Mr. Rowe's Gratis for £300 a-side. Chevalier, who was claimed to be as good as Old Strop, was beaten. He had been taken to Sydney by George Cutts, and he and Strop won every race they started for at the Homebush meeting. Io and Miss Rowe were over at the same time, and Zoe, who got injured,

and Zingari, who had been sold to Mr. Justice Cheeke and Mr. J. Tait, were being trained by Noah Beale, between whom and Cutts there was great rivalry.

After being with Mr. Eales for four years, Chaafe went with Mr. John Tait, and on to the first Champion Meeting with Zoe, Zingari, and Jessica, by Cossack.

Mr. Duppa had Wildrake, Phœbe, and Camden over at the same time, the late Bob Raey being with them. Nutwith was stolen and taken to Victoria, and worked in a water-cart. A doctor had him. The Nutwith we had in New Zealand was a full brother. Chaafe says Ted Cutts was a clinking horseman, and used to ride Zingari, while George Cutts rode Strop. He holds that Camden was the best horse the New Zealand visitors had in their three teams. Zoe ran second to Flying Buck in the first Champion Race, Nutwith being third. Zoe won the second Champion Race at Sydney, and the third at Ipswich, Queensland, and after running a dead-heat in the three-mile race with Gratis at Camden, was beaten a head in the run-off. Dick Snell rode her. A flood intervened, and Veno beat her on the last day of the Randwick meeting in the three-mile race. Zoe was lame at the second meeting at Randwick, and Chaafe was given charge of Mr. Tait's horses, Zoe, Tartar, Alfred, Fisherman, Euclid, and Miss Weller. Ashworth went to Sydney a month before to ride Zoe in her work, when she won, Wildrake being second and Strop fourth. George Cutts got down too light to ride Strop, and Joe Carter rode him. The game old horse dropped dead after passing the post. Zoe carried a penalty of 7lbs. in the three-mile race on the last day at Randwick. Mr. Tait bet Mr. Duppa £500 Zoe would beat Wildrake, one to win. Ashworth waited too long, and Ben Bolt won, so the bet was off.

After this Ashworth took Zoe and Tartar to Ipswich, Queensland, for the Champion Race of 1,000 sovs., and Chaafe took Alfred, Euclid, and Fisherman. Zoe won, Ben Bolt and Van Tromp being second and third. Tartar won the Maiden, Euclid the Gentlemen's Welter and Queen's Plate. Euclid was bought for £25 out of a pound, and used to buck. He was at one time in the hands of the bushrangers. Chaafe took Zoe to Ballarat, and rode her in her last race. She was then thirteen years old. Musidora won, beating Rose of Denmark. It was said that Musidora's grand-dam was purchased from behind a bullock dray at Ballarat, and her pedigree was not traced, but Chaafe says she was a mare from Sydney.

Chaafe won the first hurdle race run for at Randwick on a mare called Miss Weller, and won the Ballarat Cup and other races with Sir Patrick, the first Australian Derby with Clove, the Epsom Handicap with Dundee, beating Maid of the Lake, dam of Black Swan, already referred to; also the Doncaster Handicap, carrying top weight, in both performances only equalled by

Marvel, in Chaafe's opinion. Ramornee, by Kelpie from Cassandra, half-brother to Kyogle, Yattendon, and Sir Hercules, is voted the best colt Chaafe had in his hands. He won the A.J.C. Derby, two Biennials, the St. Leger, beating Rose of Denmark, and other races, and was sent to China, where he beat a lot of good horses that were sent from Australia, amongst them being Exeter, Birmingham, and Inheritor, and Kyama and Millionaire, English horses. Ramornee broke a blood vessel and dropped dead. He had bled on occasions before being sent there, where Mr. Maitland trained him for military officers. Another that Chaafe had was Sir John, who was amiss at two years, and was not good enough for The Barb and Fishhook at three years. In the first big race Sir John won, a race called the Derby-St. Leger, he beat Lady Heron and Hamilton Hill, bred by Mr. Richard Dines, uncle of Mr. E. D. Halstead, of Auckland. Amongst other races, he also won Tattersall's Cup in 1869, but was beaten in Warrior's Melbourne Cup when taken to Victoria.

On Judge Cheeke selling out and going to England, Chaafe went back to the Hon. John Eales, on the Hunter River, and had Rataplan, New Holland, Serito (by Yattendon from Nimblefoot's dam), and others under his charge, and won races with them; but Rataplan, who won the weight-for-age race, was beaten in the Sydney Metropolitan Handicap by Nemesis, half-sister to the imported Gladiator, whom Chaafe, on coming to New Zealand, induced the late Mr. McLean, of Tuki Tuki, Hawke's Bay, to purchase. With New Holland and Rataplan, Chaafe travelled 600 miles for the first Wagga Cup of 1,000 sovs., one of the first thousand pound handicap races in the colonies. Both horses broke down in the race.

After that time Chaafe came over to New Zealand, to Moore Flat, on the Molyneux, Otago, for Mr. Kitchen, and won lots of races all round from Lake Wakatipu to Christchurch, Atlantic, Oberon, Mountaineer, Leveller, and Nautilus being amongst the horses he had in training. Stewart Waddell was first horseman up to the time of his going with Messrs. Hazlett and Stephenson. Chaafe raced Nautilus on his own account in Christchurch, and afterwards had The Poet and Hilda for the late Mr. Donne, and won races with them. From the South he took The Dauphin to Wanganui, and won the Wanganui Stakes the year that Hailstorm won the Wanganui Cup; and from Wanganui took The Dauphin to Napier, where he trained for Mr. A. McLean, of Tuki Tuki, and had charge of Louie when that filly paid the first sensational totalisator dividend in New Zealand, viz., £259 for £2 investments, by winning the chief handicap after winning the Maiden Plate the same afternoon. Virginia Water, Kingask, and Frederica were of the team, and, later on, Chaafe bought for Mr. McLean the Kingsborough filly Rubina, dam of Vandal, Florrie, Rubin, Launceston, and the great Machine Gun. Rubina beat the first of Musket's progeny to start in New Zealand,

Mitrailleuse; also Nelson and Wapiti. Mr. Alex. McDonald purchased Rubina and Kingask, and Chaafe went to Auckland and got a very fine team of young horses from various owners—Trenton, Krupp, Carbineer, Necklace, Revolver, Bangle, Thunderbolt, Niagara, and Derringer—all good winners. Turquoise and the jumpers King and Sunray were also in Chaafe's hands.

After some time Chaafe left Auckland and went to Queensland, where he had a good colt called King William, by Nordenfeldt from Pulchra; also Bustle, Yowi, Eureka, Culloden, Achilles, Queensborough, and Rubicon, with some of which he won good races, Yowi winning the Sydney Metropolitan. After the syndicate, of which Mr. Joe Bennett was one, broke up, Chaafe again went to Sydney, where he had Carrington and others, later on coming to Auckland, where he took charge of George Wright's team for a time during that trainer's absence with horses in Australia, and won races with Forma, dam of Cruciform, and others, and finally started training on his own account at Ellerslie. St. Paul, St. Ursula, St. Olga, and St. Peter are amongst the last he has had. St. Paul was undoubtedly one of the best horses the veteran ever trained during a long and eventful career.

When pugilism was more in favour than at the present time, John Chaafe's services were in much request as referee or time-keeper. He was a great breeder of game fowls, and not only tells of many excursions he took part in while in Australia to witness mains of cocks, but could tell of more than one held within easy distance of the fair city of Auckland less than twenty years ago, and one in particular—a fourteen-bird tournament—at which those who witnessed it got a great scare through a horseman, who was taken for a limb of the law, suddenly appearing on the secluded scene.

**Mr. ROBERT THORPE**
**A Veteran Auckland Trainer and Owner.**

## MR. ROBERT THORPE.

One of the oldest and most respected of horsemen, trainers, and owners in New Zealand is Mr. Robert Thorpe, of Ellerslie, Auckland. With his brother John, in 1846 to 1852, he was apprenticed to the late Marquis of Exeter, who, in 1850, purchased as a yearling for £180, with a contingency that £500 more should be paid should he win the Derby, a colt by The Baron from Pocahontas, who, after winning the Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger, lived to become famed in the wide world as the emperor of stallions. This was Stockwell, who, during part of the time he was in training, was occasionally attended to by Mr. Thorpe. Few could then have dreamed that this colt would play such an important part in stud and racecourse story.

Mr. Thorpe came to this colony in January, 1864, and settled in Auckland, and trained and rode a number of the horses racing about that time, some for himself, and others for various owners. Borealis, Sweetbriar, Yellow Jack, Koaroa, Volunteer (who was never beaten while in Mr. Thorpe's hands), Glengarry (a game one who stood a lot of riding), Golden Crown, Magician, Lalla Rookh (granddam of Cora Lynn), Rose of Sherwell, Libeller, Paramena, Tetford, and numerous others.

Thirty years ago Mr. Thorpe became proprietor of the Harp of Erin Hotel, one of the best-known roadside inns in the North, and he presided there, always having a few horses in training, until a few years ago, when he retired to pretty little home quarters called "Wenhaston," on the Rockfield Road, between Onehunga and Ellerslie, with his family. He is still, however, a regular attendant at metropolitan and suburban meetings in Auckland, and even now has always a thoroughbred or two to engage his attention.

**Mr. JOHN THORPE**
**An Ellerslie Trainer.**

## MR. JOHN THORPE.

John Thorpe, the well-known Ellerslie trainer, is a son of Mr. Robert Thorpe, whose biography appears on another page. He was born in 1869 in Auckland, and served his apprenticeship with his father and his uncle John, who is now associated with his stable. When only eight years old he was accustomed to ride exercise and work for his uncle on some of the late Mr. W. Bobbett's horses, and rode his first race two years later on the late Mr. J. Smith's Tim Whiffler, who was then a two-year-old. He then weighed 3st. 12lb., and for some years could go to scale at a handy weight, and rode, looked after horses, and won a few races from time to time, until 1894, when he started to train for himself and various owners, and in 1900 was engaged to act as private trainer in Auckland to Mr. Hugo Friedlander, and so acted for about three and a-half years, when Mr. Friedlander dispersed his Auckland team.

During the time he has been training Thorpe has had some very good horses and ponies through his hands, and no trainer within this colony ever had two such great hurdle and flat horses in work and racing at one time as Record Reign and Cavaliero, two Auckland-bred horses that have probably never had superiors under weight over hurdles in this or any other country. J. Thorpe, junr., was responsible for educating both to the jumping business, and trained Record Reign when he won the New Zealand Grand National, carrying 12st. 12lb., two miles, in 3min. 46sec., a performance over eight 3ft. 6in. hurdles that stands as a weight-carrying and time record to-day. Amongst others that he has trained, Waiorongomai, Lillie, Miss Delaval, Sans Peur, Kelburn, Kamo, Roseshield, Gladstone, Ropa, Kilmarnock, Waikato, Austerlitz, and Kilderkin may be mentioned.

**Mr. ROBERT GOOSEMAN**
**A Well-known Hawke's Bay Trainer.**

## MR. R. GOOSEMAN.

Most New Zealand race-goers who travel much know Mr. Robert Gooseman, the Hawke's Bay trainer. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1850, and has been actively engaged in racing pursuits in New Zealand since well on in the sixties. It was while employed with Mr. Geo. Cutts looking after Moonbeam, a daughter of Pacific and imported Moonshine, that the subject of this sketch got his first ride in public on a horse owned by Mr. R. Wilkinson, brother to the Ellerslie farrier. This horse was known as New Zealander, and the meeting was at the Thames, being the one got up to welcome the Duke of Edinburgh on his tour of the colonies. Shortly afterwards he rode Warwick at Ellerslie, Auckland, for the late Mr. Harry Haines, bookmaker, and won on a pony called Fanny, owned by Mr. R. Thorpe at that time. Some time afterwards he was sent by Mr. Cutts, under an engagement to Mr. R. Farmer, of Watt and Farmer, Hawke's Bay, taking the well-known racehorse Papapa to the latter's station. In Hawke's Bay he rode at nearly all the provincial meetings. A cream pony belonging to Mr. A. H. Barron, known as Wahine, was one of the first to bring him into notice for his horsemanship.

In later years, Gooseman was connected with that wonderful little horse Maori Weed, on whose back he won many races, including the Hawke's Bay Cup of 1877, then a two-mile event. After this he spent some years in breaking and in training, and has had a good many horses of fair class under his charge from time to time. Whisper, winner of the Egmont Cup and many races in different parts of New Zealand, Cynisca, thrice winner of the Wellington Cup, and many other races, were a pair of his favourites; Gondolier, winner of the Hawke's Bay Hurdles and Steeplechase, and numerous Bracelet events, was another; and Tigress, winner of the Wellington Stakes, Wellesley Stakes, and Wanganui Guineas; Coeur de Lion, winner of the Napier Park Stakes, Manawatu Cup, Great Northern Hurdles, and Century Hurdle Race; Searchlight, winner of the Hawke's Bay Cup, Sirius, winner of the Napier Park Cup, Orion's Belt, Shackle, Evening Wonder, and numerous other performers of more or less distinction, were trained for their engagements by Gooseman, whose chief patrons are the Messrs. Hunter, Captain Sir William Russell, and Mr. Armstrong, all Hawke's Bay settlers. Mr. Gooseman's training stables are not far from the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's course at Hastings.

**Mr. ALF. ELLINGHAM**
**A Successful Owner, Trainer.**

## MR. ALF. ELLINGHAM.

Mr. Alfred Ellingham was born at Te Aute, Hawke's Bay, in 1865. He was always fond of horses, and at an early age showed marked ability in the saddle, though in his first ride, in a match for £20 a-side, on the then undeveloped 'chaser Faugh-a-ballagh against an unnamed and unknown quantity, he failed to score. Later on he had the good fortune to get hold of The Painter gelding Chemist, which horse he trained and rode in all his engagements, and when sold to the late Mr. William Douglas, of Te Mahanga, Hawke's Bay, went to Australia to ride him there, when he unfortunately went wrong. With Chemist Mr. Ellingham won, amongst other events, the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase. He also rode Denbigh, a daughter of The Painter, belonging to his brother, in all her engagements after she was brought over to Hawke's Bay from the Wanganui-Hawera coast. Denbigh was a high-class mare of medium size. With Ruby, whom he purchased from his brother, and who was from Denbigh, he won several hurdle races and the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, and trained her himself. Later on he purchased at two years old for £50 from his brother "a brown gelding, two years old, by Natator from Denbigh," with whom he won a good many hurdle race and cross-country events, including the Wanganui Steeplechase, Great Northern Steeplechase, and Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, and afterwards sold to Mr. S. H. Gollan, who took him to England and won the Liverpool Grand National. This horse, as all the world knows, was the celebrated Moifaa. Mr. Ellingham had a unique experience with the Opawa gelding Defamer in a steeplechase at Wellington. A good deal of rain had fallen, and there was a lot of water in a swampy piece of land skirting the course. Into this Defamer accidentally slipped, and could not extricate himself, and there Ellingham, who was training and riding the horse himself, remained for nearly two hours holding Defamer's head above water before he was discovered. Defamer would have perished had Ellingham left to get assistance. The old horse is still alive, and at the age of 25 years was last season carrying Mr. Selby, whose portrait appears elsewhere, in the hunting field with surprising vigour.

Mr. Ellingham is the only horseman-trainer-owner who has won the New Zealand Grand National, Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, and Great Northern Steeplechases, the five leading cross-country events in this colony. He is now proprietor of the Pacific Hotel, Hastings, so long kept by his predecessor, the late Mr. H. O. Caulton, father-in-law of James Hickey, who trained Moifaa for Mr. S. H. Gollan when that horse, in 1894, won the Liverpool Grand National, probably the greatest achievement next to winning the Blue Riband of the turf.

**Mr. FREE HOLMES**
**Horseman, Owner, Trainer.**

# MR. FREEMAN HOLMES.

Free Holmes, as he is popularly known, resides at Riccarton, Canterbury, where he is engaged as a public trainer. He was born in the year 1871, and started with Mr. P. Butler when twelve years of age, but previously had ridden in small country races, and had won a hack race at Ashburton before taking service away from home. Altogether he was between seven and eight years with Mr. Butler, for whom he had his first winning ride on Tit Bit in the Craven Plate at Christchurch. Afterwards, amongst many others, he rode Manton when that good colt won the New Zealand and Canterbury Cups, and Thackeray when that colt won the Dunedin Champagne.

After Mr. Butler sold his horses in 1891, Holmes went to ride for Mr. Walter Spring at Leeston, and later on took the position of private trainer, vacated by the late R. Kingan, on the recommendation of his former employer. There he had a lot of useful horses, including Bay King, The Idler, Magpie, Red Cross, Carronade, and won a good many races, training and riding most of them in their races on the flat, over hurdles and country. When Mr. Spring retired from racing, Holmes returned to Christchurch, and started as public trainer in 1895, and one of the first horses he had under his care was Empire, whom he also rode when he won the C.J.C. Spring Hurdles. He also rode Liberator when he won the Auckland Great Northern Steeplechase and Hurdle Race, and New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race, 1894, and trained and rode him when he won the Spring Hurdles and other races afterwards. He also won the Wanganui Derby on Fraternite, and Greymouth Cup on Marino.

For some years he trained for Mr. Victor Harris, and won lots of races with Strathnairn, Rochester, Seabrook, Epaulet, and other horses. He also has had luck in the riding and training of trotting horses, amongst which may be mentioned Black Oats, Maggie, the big Berlin gelding Stonewall Jackson, General Power, and Vascoe; the last-named he has owned, trained, ridden and driven in all his successes for some time past, and that gelding was the second largest stake winner in 1903-4. It would mean considerable research to obtain a full list of the successful riding exhibitions Free Holmes has had, but he was a finished and vigorous horseman, and has an all-round record probably unequalled by any other horseman in the colony on the flat, over hurdles, over country, riding and driving trotting horses, in the hunting field, and at agricultural shows. He rode Manton, 6st. 11lb., when that horse won the N.Z. Cup; rode Liberator, 11st. 12lb., in the Great Northern Steeplechase, and 12st. 9lb. when he won the Great Northern Hurdle Race. For

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some time Holmes has had a few horses owned by the Friedlander Bros. under his charge, and is generally known as a capable mentor. He votes Liberator the best all-round horse he has ridden.

## MR. FRED. STENNING.

About the time of the Franco-Prussian war, as a lad ten years of age, Fred. Stenning, who is now one of our best-known trainers, came to New Zealand, being first employed on the Goodwood and Bushy Park stations, near Oamaru. Two years later he entered the service of James McGregor, who trained for Messrs. Swanson and Warburton, Sir William, Miss Tatton, Foretop, and Mistletoe being in the stable. He was next with Harry Williams, who had Petrobe, Elswick (the Irish horse who went wrong), Maid of the Mill (the maternal ancestress of Vanilla, Tolstoi, King Log, and other good horses). After a time he joined W. Davies (now of the Hutt, Wellington), at Temuka, and later on Mr. W. C. Webb, at the Bush Inn, Riccarton, with whom he remained seven and a-half years, during which time he looked after many good horses—Songster and Trump Card (C.J.C. Derby winners), Le Loup (a C.J.C. Handicap and Canterbury Cup winner), Wrangler, Jangler, and others. R. J. Mason afterwards got Songster, and was training that horse for Mr. Gilligan at Yaldhurst, but on his being sold Stenning went in charge of him to Gisborne for Mr. W. Black, and took service with Messrs. Nasmith, the now Secretary to the Gisborne Racing Club, and George Bernard, who owned jointly West End and the jumper Skysail. A little later he managed Mr. Allan McDonald's stud farm, where Foul Play, Edward James, and Parthenopæus were located. On Mr. McDonald's return from a trip to England, that gentleman, now residing in one of our sister colonies, sought to reward Fred. by making him an offer of a yearling filly by Javelin, but the kind offer was thankfully declined. This filly afterwards became famous on New Zealand and Australian racecourses, and readers will remember Mr. Dan Twohill's flyer, no other than Cinderella. It was not until after acting as foreman in the Auckland Tramway Company's stables under the late Mr. Kidd, for some time, that Stenning went back to his old occupation. He has trained part of the time at Kohimarama, Auckland, and in more recent years at Onehunga, and has had through his hands Woodbine, Mangere (a first-class 'chaser and hurdle horse), Moth (dam of Hohoro), The Sharper, Flukem, Cobweb, Atalanta, Sparkling Water, Lena, and many others, but the best of all Hohoro, certainly the best son Tasman left, and unquestionably one of the champion racehorses of the colony.

**Mr. T. QUINLIVAN, Junr.**
**A Hawke's Bay Trainer.**

## MR. T. V. QUINLIVAN, Junr.

In the subject of this notice we have a trainer who has been all his life amongst horses, for his father always had something racing when he was quite a child, and as soon as he could bestride one he was seen on the back of a horse. He was born in Havelock, Marlborough, in 1865, and was in Wanganui for some years, and afterwards at Hawera, where he had plenty of chances of learning to ride. His first race was on a gelding known as Bully for You, in a hack race, catch weights, at Wairoa, now known as Waverley, and he landed his mount first past the post. The starter declared "no start," and on running over again R. Danahay beat him on Mr. Sweeney's grey mare Violet. At this time Quinlivan scaled 4st. 6lb. He rode frequently afterwards on the West Coast of the North Island, on Fair Ellen, Redeemer, Rocket, and other of his father's horses, and looked after Rocket when he won the Wanganui Derby in 1880, this being the first horse he had almost sole care of. Since that time he has seldom been long without something under his charge or of his own. One of the most useful was old Straybird, whom he bred himself, and no horse could have been more aptly named than the evergreen son of Wanderer and Fleetwing.

During the past six years he has trained exclusively the horses of Mr. E. J. Watt, with whom he accepted an engagement as private trainer. His stables are known as Shortlands, and are within easy distance of the Hastings racecourse; and Mr. Watt has kept them supplied with material, some of which has proved of the right texture; indeed, with a comparatively small number of runners each year, a splendid average of stake earnings has been kept up, and this has been in no small measure due to judgment in placing members of the team, for which their mentor can be given much of the credit. Amongst the horses trained for Mr. Watt may be mentioned St. Mark, Tirade, Palaver, The Shannon, Nobility, Indian Queen, Tradewind, Float, Starshoot, Good Intent, Bounce, Melodeon, Roseshoot, King Billy, Submarine, and Boomerang. The C.J.C. Autumn Handicap, Avondale Cup, Egmont Cup, Wanganui Cup, Napier Cup, Wellington R.C. Handicap, Auckland Century Stakes, Woodville Cup, Grand National Maiden Hurdle Race, Century Hurdle Race, Napier Stakes, C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, Auckland R.C. Welcome Stakes, Northern Champagne Stakes and numerous other events, have been won with horses trained by T. Quinlivan, junr.

**Mr. FRANK McMANEMIN**
**A Successful Auckland Trainer and Owner.**

# MR. FRANK McMANEMIN.

Patea is a small town on the West Coast of the North Island, Southern Taranaki. There the subject of this sketch was born in 1868, a memorable and eventful period in the history of that now far-famed pastoral district. Taranaki and Wanganui settlers were called to arms in defence of their homes and families against the Maori warrior Titokowaru. There were outpost redoubts about twenty miles away at Waihi and Turi-turi-mokai, but Patea was known as "the front." A surprise attack upon the Turi-turi-mokai fortification ended in the almost complete annihilation of the little band of constabulary stationed there, including Captain Ross, and the shooting down afterwards at Te Ngutu o Te Manu of gallant Major Von Tempsky, Captains Buck and Palmer, Lieutenants Hastings and Hunter, and amongst other brave men, Col.-Sergt. Russell, father of the late Mr. J. J. Russell, of riding and running fame. Frank McManemin was a baby at that time, and the settlers whose families had gathered in Patea hourly expected the place to be attacked. Mr. McManemin's parents made the Waikato their home for some years after this. Before Trenton won the Welcome Stakes at Ellerslie, Frank joined the stables presided over by J. Chaafe, senr.; was with him through all his successes with Trenton, Niagara, Turquoise, Bangle, Necklace, and others, until the veteran left for Queensland; was then installed head lad with the late James Kean, who had Cuirassier, Leopold, Corunna, Fabulous, and Silvio at Kohimarama. Luck favoured from the start, for, after winning with the first horse he trained, a half interest was acquired in that particularly brilliant horse St. Clements with a non-racing man, who won the son of St. Leger and Satanella in a raffle. Then came successes with Ingorina, Tamora (dam of Nestor), Hermosa, the smallest and, McManemin says, the fastest two-year-old he has trained. With Waiorongomai he won lots of races, and with St. Crespin the Northern Guineas, afterwards the Derby, springing a surprise on Gold Medallist. With Antares he won the Auckland Cup, and many hurdle races fell to the consistent Tim. Volcano, Fishmonger, Belmont, Regalia, Jewellery, Formula, Hengist, Scotty, and many other winners could be mentioned, but for speed St. Clements stands first in Mr. McManemin's estimation. For staying and carrying weight, that good horse Nonette, of all the horses he has trained, holds pride of place. Hadyn, Royal Conqueror, and Nonette were the three largest stable earners in one season in their respective classes in New Zealand, and Nonette's total earnings for a season have never been reached by any other

**Mr. ALF. SHEARSBY**
**Horseman, Owner, Trainer.**

horse. With St. Michael, Menschikoff, and Cruciform out of the way, his winnings would have been more than half as much again. It seems to be in the blood of Irishmen to own "leppers," and Frank Mc. owns that he would rather win a Grand National than any other class of race. Haydn, in which horse he is part owner, won the N.Z. Grand National in 1902.

## MR. ALFRED SHEARSBY.

The subject of this sketch, Alfred Shearsby, was born at Leamington, in England, and came to New Zealand in 1875. He became connected with horses through service with Mr. W. Riddell, veterinary surgeon in Otago, and J. Lowe, the well-known trainer, was the first to put him on the back of a racehorse. From Otago he went to Marlborough in 1882, and there rode his first race over hurdles, and soon afterwards took to training as well as riding, and with a fair amount of success, his best representatives being the black gelding Erebus and Patricius in 1886, and that good old hurdle and steeplechase gelding Orient, who won no end of races, including the Wanganui Steeplechase of 1887 and Wellington Steeplechase in 1890, the last-named event after going out of Shearsby's hands.

In 1889 Shearsby went to Australia, and was fairly successful as a horseman and trainer while there; but returned to Canterbury, New Zealand, in 1895, and from there went to Palmerston North, where he trained till November, 1903, at which time he accepted the position of private trainer for Mr. G. P. Donnelly, of Hawke's Bay, who had been one of his Palmerston North patrons. Shearsby remained in charge of that gentleman's horses until the end of 1904, when he again took to public training in the Manawatu district. Shearsby was a fine horseman between the flags, and during his career has ridden, owned, and trained some good horses.

**Mr. EDWARD CUTTS**

**A Successful Veteran Trainer.**

# MR. EDWARD CUTTS.

Another veteran amongst New Zealand trainers, and one who has been ever prominent in his profession, is Mr. "Ted" Cutts, of Chokebore Lodge, Riccarton. Mr. Cutts was born at Black Creek, Maitland, New South Wales, in 1838, and came to this colony at the age of fifteen years, under engagement to Mr. Henry Redwood, with his brother George, who is several years his senior, and who was for many years riding and training for Mr. Redwood and other owners, and figured prominently in many Australian campaigns; also as a stud manager, and, amongst other official positions, as a starter. "Ted," however, remained with Mr. Redwood, or was associated with the riding and the training of his horses for over thirty years, and as he has been training for Sir George Clifford for nearly twenty years, and for about half that time almost exclusively, it will be gathered that his connection with racing extends over more than half a century, and for many years past few of his boxes at Chokebore Lodge have long been untenanted. It was not long after the arrival in New Zealand of the subject of this notice that he started riding for Mr. Redwood, and he visited Australia in the campaign of 1858, referred to in preceding pages, in which Zoe, Zingara, Chevalier and others took part, and rode Zingara in the first Champion Race, and other races in which she competed; but increasing weight in time told, and he shared with Mr. Redwood in the work of training and travelling that owner's horses to meetings in different parts of the colony until 1868, when Chokebore Lodge was purchased by Mr. Redwood, and taken over by Cutts, who had a good team, including Manuka and Peeress, there. Lurline and Calumny were purchased later on, Mata, Longlands, and Natator being some of the other notables that came along, and were followed by the great Sir Modred. Manuka, in the opinion of Cutts and others, was voted the best horse ever sent from New Zealand to Australia up to his time, and Peeress had proved herself a great mare, as undoubtedly were Lurline and Calumny. With Longlands, the Great Autumn Handicap was won, and Natator, who had won the C.J.C. Champagne Stakes, was sold on the eve of the Derby which he won. Mata was purchased by Mr. Cutts for 700 guineas, and won his second Dunedin Cup in that mentor's colours, and was a very useful gelding by Dead Shot, a horse who left some good performers before he was unfortunately lost to stud life.

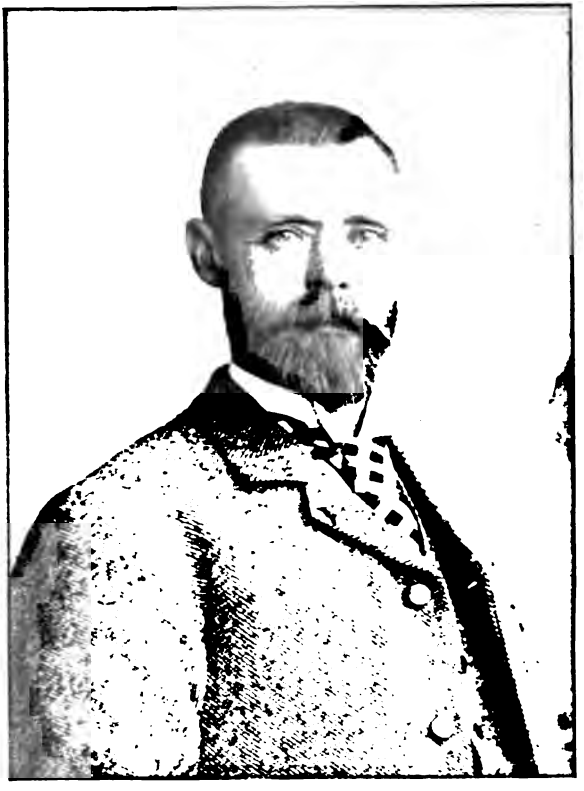
It should have been mentioned that Cutts had started as a public trainer in 1875, and had purchased Chokebore Lodge from Mr. Redwood. Mr. D. Campbell's Sir Modred, who won the C.J.C. and D.J.C. Champagne Stakes, C.J.C. Derby, and Dun-

edin Cup, was sold for 1,000 guineas to Mr. Proudfoot, for whom he won the Dunedin Cup, and was taken to Australia, where he only succeeded in winning the Sydney Metropolitan. On being brought back to New Zealand, he was placed in Cutts' hands again, and won the Canterbury Cup and other races, and afterwards, for Mr. Goodman, the D.J.C. Birthday Handicap. Sir Modred was afterwards leading sire in America. Major George's Nelson was the next horse of the top class order that Cutts had under his care, and that great stayer came out of his shell, so to speak, all at once and quite unexpectedly. His three consecutive wins in the Auckland Cup, his Dunedin Cup, Forbury Handicap, Wellington Cup, and many other New Zealand victories proclaimed him a good one. July, Ravenswing, Wapiti, Nautilus, her daughters Galatea, Teredo, and Cynisca, and her great son Pygmalion, Dudu and members of her family, Somnus, Papapa, Kakapo, Korari, Songster, and Pinfire, are some of the names that occur to the writer of horses with which Cutts had the preparation; but to name all the members of different families from Mr. Redwood's stud which were brought to the post by that mentor would entail much research. Most of the winners of any note which he has trained for Sir George Clifford since 1884 are referred to in that gentleman's biography, and reference is made to some of the early Australian campaigns in the notices of J. Chaafe's career and other of his contemporaries. Nelson was the last horse he took to Australia, and how that good horse just failed to win the Australian Cup from Trident (it was believed through Brown losing his whip), and thereby failed to win his owner a lot of £5,000 to £1,000 taken in one shot from Joe Thompson, King of the Ring, is a matter of turf history. We do not hear of such bets to-day. Nelson gave the Australians a taste of his quality before leaving Australia, and, after years of stud life and putting forth one particularly striking advertisement in his son Seahorse, was made a gift to his old mentor, and as recently as September, 1905, was looking well at the age of 25 years, and enjoying a daily run in the Chokebore paddocks. Like several of Mr. Henry Redwood's pupils, Cutts was an excellent shot.

## MR. J. H. PROSSER.

Mr. J. H. Prosser, who has had the largest teams of horses in training for various owners and for himself year in and year out in the Wellington metropolitan district for a considerable time past, has been located at Porirua for over a quarter of a century, where he carries on operations; but he was riding and racing in the seventies, and always had horses at meetings along the coast in the coaching days, when the name of Prosser Bros. was associated with the carrying of Her Majesty's mails. The brothers always had a few horses to represent them. Some that may be

mentioned are Camellia, Kautira, Dynamite, Gladstone, and Speculation, and others whose names cannot be recalled at the moment. Later on came Slave Girl and Germaine, and Prosser rode the last-named in some of her jumping engagements. A thorough game one she was. She belonged to a settler near Shannon, and Mr. Prosser trained a number of her progeny in later years, The Miser and Gobo being two of the best. The last-named was a good performer, and, after being at the illegitimate game for some time, won the Wellington Steeplechases of 1901 and 1902 and the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase of 1901, racing for the gentleman whose *nom de cours* is "Mr. Douglas Gordon." The Guard, who, when at his best, probably had few superiors as a chaser in the colony, won a number of minor races for Mr. Prosser, but came out and won the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase, the Napier Steeplechase, Wanganui Steeplechase, and Great Northern Steeplechase, in the last-named race carrying 12st. 2lb. The Guard was a somewhat unlucky gelding, however. Mr. Prosser has trained for various owners as well as for himself, and has had other good jumpers under his care, as well as some clinking good flat horses, within comparatively recent years. The champions Advance and Achilles, and those useful handicap horses Boreas, Tortulla, Titoki, Ostiak, Gold Crown, Exmoor, Porirua, Boris, Ghoorka, Marguerite, Flamen, and Chivalry, are some that may be mentioned. Advance was unlucky when taken to Australia in having the misfortune to encounter such a good mare as Wakeful in the Newmarket Handicap, otherwise a great *coup* would have been effected. As Wakeful subsequently proved herself the champion mare of the colony, what a task Advance undertook was only fully realised later on. The deeds of the "black demon" in New Zealand, finishing up by winning the Wellington Cup, carrying 10st. 4lb., in the then record time of 2min. 34¼sec., will be fresh in the memories of readers, and there are some who believe he was the most brilliant horse over all distances that we have had. His achievements make him the best Prosser has trained, and much of his history is contained in notes elsewhere about his breeder, Mr. Donald Fraser. Achilles is a high-class horse, and was purchased cheaply by Prosser on account of his owner in Australia. He and Advance, in their respective best years, headed the list of winning horses in New Zealand. Tortulla and Boreas each came well up. Tortulla has the New Zealand Cup amongst her many wins. The deeds of Advance, Achilles, Tortulla, Boreas, and other horses whose names have been mentioned here, are more fully referred to on pages devoted to notices of Mr. Prosser's chief patrons, Messrs. J. Monk, Douglas Gordon, R. T. Turnbull, and J. R. McDonald, but sufficient has been said to show that Prosser has been a very successful mentor.



**Mr. R. J. MASON**

**A New Zealand Trainer, Whose Success Has Been Unprecedented.**

## MR. R. J. MASON.

No New Zealand trainer, or, indeed, no trainer in Australasia, can show a more successful record than R. J. Mason, who, for the past eighteen years, has acted as private trainer for the most successful horse owner in the colonies, Mr. G. G. Stead. Mr. Mason was born in Wellington in 1853, and went to school there, but at an early age took service with Mr. Fawns, a veterinary surgeon, who kept a few horses. This was about the middle of the sixties, and during his stay with Mr. Fawns his services were sought for catch-weight race-riding, and on hacks from the Wairarapa he gained some experience, winning his first race on a horse called Conquest. It was on the Hutt racecourse that he rode first, and in 1866 he was entrusted with the riding of Heather Bell in a match against Policy, who won. On leaving Mr. Fawns' he went to Wanganui with Mr. Owens, who had several horses. Afterwards he was for a time associated with Mr. H. Stafford in Nelson, where he rode in some of her engagements a useful mare of her time called Lacenfeed, and at the meeting there in honour of the Duke of Edinburgh rode Lacenfeed in a match against Peeress, on whom five to one was laid. It was a proud day for Mason, who won the match, and was complimented on his horsemanship by the Duke, who gave him some kindly advice and predicted for him a successful career. From Nelson he went to what were known as the Duke's meetings at the Thames and Auckland, and in 1871 toured the goldfields of Otago with the late James Monaghan, who had commenced his racing career with Mr. Hector Norman Simson, owner of The Flying Buck, and had a big reputation as the rider of Tomboy, with whom he had won twenty-five races in Australia before coming to New Zealand to train for Messrs. Moreton, Glassford, and others. On Southern Chief, Atlas, and other horses, Mason soon added to his winning achievements. In 1872 he was offered, and accepted, a five years' engagement as first horseman with Mr. Henry Redwood, and rode many winners for that owner. Some of the chief may be mentioned. He was on Papapa in the C.J.C. Derby in 1873-4, won the Trial Plate on Lurline, C.J.C. St. Leger on Kakapo, first C.J.C. Champagne Stakes on Wainui, and Easter Handicap on Calumny—four races in succession, a performance never previously equalled in the colony—and at the same meeting won the All-Aged Stakes on Calumny, and in the same season won the first Dunedin Cup on Lurline. In 1874 he went to Australia with Lurline, Calumny and Papapa, returning with Papapa, who broke down, the mares being sold. Amongst other horses he rode were Sinking Fund and Korari. At the termination of his engagement with Mr. Redwood he trained a number of horses for Messrs. F. W. Delamain and Gilligan, and had for a time Mr.

Stead's Le Loup and Trump. About that time he entered into partnership with the late Mr. R. Vallance, and raced, amongst other horses, Camballo, winner of the Great Autumn Handicap, 1880, who was purchased in Australia; Bundoora, another Australian, always held in the highest esteem by Mason as a racehorse; Pinfire, winner of the Wanganui Cup, 1879; Salvage, winner of the Auckland Cup, 1883; Turquoise, and others. During the continuance of the partnership, which terminated in 1884, Mason trained a few horses for outside owners, and purchased the Yaldhurst property, which he had made his headquarters practically from the time he entered upon his career as a trainer after leaving Mr. Redwood. For a time he had charge of the Hon. W. Robinson's horses Vanguard, Liverpool, Oudeis, and Winchester, before they were placed in the hands of Mr. W. E. Dakin in Victoria. Then he owned Spade Guinea, and sold that mare to Mr. A. Drake, but trained her and other horses for that owner, and brought off a big *coup* when the daughter of King of Clubs and Rupee won the New Zealand Cup in the year 1886, besides winning the Dunedin Cup, Auckland Easter Handicap, and other races the same season.

During the period of nearly ten years in which Mason was training for various owners, himself, and his partner, numerous races were won with horses whose names do not appear in the foregoing notes; but Mason had won for himself a place of prominence as a trainer, and Mr. G. G. Stead, in May, 1887, offered him the position of private trainer vacated by the death of D. Jones, and with results which have been little short of phenomenal, as a reference to the biographical notes on Mr. Stead's racing career, to which readers are directed, commencing on page 37, will show. No colonial trainer, it may be added, has ever had so many good horses through his hands as Mason, who has brought intelligence to bear, and, though always provided with good material, has had a voice in the selection, and a knowledge of the best method of turning it to account. No man could attend to his work more thoroughly. He is a good master to those under him, and is always spoken of by those who have worked with him with the greatest respect. Mason has always regarded Lurline as the best mare he has had to do with, but Cruciform shares with her in the distinction; while Multiform for all-round qualities, and Royal Artillery, the best of whom was never known in public, and Menschikoff for brilliancy off the mark, bulk largely in his estimation. The recent successes at Randwick, New South Wales, of Mr. Stead's horses, Noctuiform, Sungod, Isolt, and Nightfall, who won no fewer than eight races at the Australian Jockey Club's spring meeting, are the latest evidences of Mason's ability as a trainer, only surpassed when no fewer than ten of Mr. Stead's horses trained by him won twelve races and a-half at the Canterbury spring meeting, 1904, one of the events having resulted in a dead-heat.

## MR. E. J. RAE.

John Rae, the well-known horseman, trainer, and owner, was born in 1856, and commenced his racing career in Marlborough with Mr. Henry Redwood in August, 1872, at which time he weighed 6st., E. Cutts being trainer and R. J. Mason first horseman for the stable. Associated with the establishment at that time were Percy Martin, the late Sam. Powell, W. Kraft, the brothers Lyford (Tom and Albert), E. Roden, and others. Rae was not long before getting his first mount, for in November of that year he had a ride at the C.J.C. Spring Meeting in a catch-weight half-mile Scurry, but it was not until later on, at the Marlborough Meeting, that he won his first race, the Shearers' Purse, on a horse called Little Dick.

During his flat-racing career he won races in Canterbury, Otago, Hawke's Bay, Wellington, and Marlborough, and in one race at Riccarton rode a dead-heat with the veteran Derritt, but never succeeded in winning a bigger race than the Hawke's Bay Stakes. He rode third in the Wellington and Marlborough Cups and in the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap; but increasing in weight to 9st., in 1876 he turned his attention to riding over jumps, his first essay being in a hurdle race on a horse called Magenta, bred by the late P. Stafford, and then eleven years old, having run third in Manuka's C.J.C. Derby in 1868. The race was run in three-quarter mile heats, an unheard-of thing in these days, but Magenta ran off the first hurdle, and took no further part. This did not augur well for what became a unique, and, indeed, a marvellous career in race-riding over obstacles. In May, 1877, the editor remembers Rae making his first appearance over a steeplechase course. This was on a horse named Jonathan Wild, in what was called the Wanganui Grand National. In that race Rae finished third, and on the same horse an hour later was second in the Maiden Steeplechase. In the following year Rae won the Wanganui Grand National on Awahou. This was his first win over big fences, and the obstacles were then bigger than we find to-day.

Since that time the subject of this sketch has ridden in all the important steeplechases in New Zealand, and a few in Australia, and has won most of them. In Auckland, where he has done most of his riding, he has won six Auckland Summer, five Autumn, and two Great Northern Steeplechases, and numerous minor steeplechases over the Ellerslie racecourse. At Riccarton, he won the New Zealand Grand National, and has won over Hawke's Bay, Waimate, Takapuna, Thames, Wellington, and other New Zealand courses, also over Randwick, and has ridden over the Caulfield country, as well as Flemington. He suffered

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**A Prominent Horseman, Trainer and Owner.**

five disappointments at Flemington, where he ran Titokowaru, Donald, and Orangeman. He was on the first-named in second place in the V.R.C. Grand National when Fearless won, and as Donald had run second in the Grand National Hurdle Race at Ellerslie with Kos Heaton up, the meeting was a disastrous one. Orangeman ran second in the Flemington Steeplechase, and Donald and Titokowaru added similarly to their achievements, four seconds and one third being Rae's riding record at that meeting.

It is extremely doubtful whether any horseman living can show a similar proportionate number of wins and place performances over hurdles and country to those of Rae. He has ridden in 511 jumping contests during twenty-four years, from 1876 to 1900, and during that time and the four preceding years, in the whole of which he only won a very few flat races (probably not more than fifteen), he nevertheless won 265 races, was second in 74, third in 52, and rode five dead-heats; had 33 falls, was 15 times rendered unconscious, broke an arm, and a collarbone twice, and had two ribs broken and his lungs lacerated. During the season of 1894-5 he escaped without a fall in race-riding and in schooling. He was one of few horsemen who could handle a bit and bridoon.

For twenty-four seasons he hunted regularly, and from 1880 has been a trainer. He was on the back of Grey Momus in forty-six races, and won twelve times, was twelve times second, and six times third. Orangeman, whom he votes the best all-round horse he ever rode, carried him in forty-nine races, winning seventeen, being second in seventeen, and seven times third. Rae considers Levanter about the best steeplechase horse he ever bestrode over a journey and big fences. In twenty-eight races he rode that horse in, he never made one mistake. With Chandler he won fourteen races, and Shotover, Falcon, Guy Fawkes, Belle, Quilp, Lonely, Marquis of Tewkesbury, Marechal Neil, Magpie, Kingswood, Dentist, and Natation are some he rode and trained; while he had rides on Agent, Lonehand, Bombardier, Coala, Alaric, and numerous others.

Amongst the chief flat horses that Rae has trained are Taipo, winner of the Rangitikei St. Leger; Astronomer, Kenilworth, Dewdrop, Clogs; Morion, winner of the Great Northern Derby, Manawatu Cup, Onslow Cup, and Takapuna Cup; Patchwork, winner of the Takapuna Cup; Quadrant; Mars, winner of the Wanganui Cup and six hurdle races, and runner-up in the Auckland Cup, Great Northern Hurdles, and Grand National Hurdles; Strathavon, winner of the Takapuna Cup, Taranaki Cup, and J.C. Handicap; Ropa, winner of the Avondale Guineas; and Needle, winner of many races.

**Mr. RICHARD HANNON**
**A Waikato Owner and Trainer.**

## MR. R. HANNON.

The most successful Waikato owner-trainer in recent years is Mr. Richard, or, as his intimates call him, "Dick" Hannon, who was born in Cambridge. While he occasionally finds something good enough to bring into the metropolitan arena to pick up a stake or two, he rarely places his horses otherwise than to advantage at country meetings, and seldom comes empty-handed away; indeed, there have been meetings at which his horses have pretty well sacked the programme. A horseman himself, he first started riding as an amateur, and has always been fond of hunting, for fifteen years never missing a hunt in the Waikato. He is a good judge of horses, and, with an extensive knowledge of the fine old racing families in the Waikato, he manages to continue finding useful horses, and has always a fairly large team in work for himself, besides a few for immediate friends who are his clients. He has ridden and won races on the flat and over fences during the past fifteen years in which he has been following racing, but it has only been during the past seven or eight years that he has done the training of horses other than his own on anything like so large a scale as he does now. With all and sundry in the racing line he is very popular, and he has always a lot more horses offered him than he will take to train. One of the first horses of note he owned was that sterling performer Castashore, by Castor from Zip, with whom he won a number of races before selling him. Amongst others that have done him credit are Bellman, Rufus, Moccasin, Hautapu (late Meteor), Liberator, Star, Green and Gold, Millie, Forth, and, recently, Winnie. With Moccasin he won for Mr. Morgan the Great Northern Steeplechase, and during one season horses trained by him won forty races. Mr. Hannon has for a long time past been an enthusiastic football and polo player, and has brought out some first-class polo ponies.

**R. DERRETT**

**The Veteran Premier Horseman of New Zealand.**

## ROBERT DERRETT.

Bob Derrett, as his intimates and, indeed, most people, familiarly refer to him, is the senior in age, and the premier in respect to winning records, spread over a long period of years in the Australasian colonies; indeed, men who are on the wrong side of fifty are rarely found retaining dash and discrimination such as the subject of this notice. His has indeed been an unparalleled riding career, so far as the editor's knowledge extends, and he has followed it closely from the outset. Derrett has all the time been a hard worker, and never a drone; always temperate and of regular habits, civil, respectful, and unassuming. He has ridden for all classes of owners, from the highest to the lowest, for the rich and the needy, and from the very outset has always been known as a skilful exponent of the jockey's art. He was born at Newport, Monmouthshire, England, and came to Canterbury in the Rockhampton as a child with his parents in 1858, and at an early age, somewhere in the late sixties, had his first experience in race-riding in Canterbury, where his headquarters have been during most of the time. He has ridden the winners of most of the more important races in this colony, and in no end of the minor ones, and has repeatedly been at the head of the list of winning horsemen; indeed, for a number of seasons in succession he figured as the leader. It would be impossible to give details of all his mounts. Many races have been won by him oftener than by other horsemen, who are unlikely to gain such a proportion of wins in these days of increasing competition.

He has won the Canterbury Cup on six occasions—in 1872 and 1873 on Mr. Nosworthy's Lurline; in 1881, on the Hon. W. Robinson's Grip; in 1884, on Mr. J. Pilbrow's Welcome Jack; in 1891, on Mr. D. O'Brien's Freedom, and in 1898 on Mr. G. G. Stead's Multiform, another record, seeing that twenty-six years elapsed between his first and last wins. He has also won the C.J.C. Easter Handicap on Boreas and the Messrs. Hazlett's Vladimir; the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap on Messrs. M. and C. Hobbs' Prime Warden, Sir George Clifford's Cruchfield, and Mr. G. G. Stead's Altair. The Canterbury J.C. Handicap on Grip, New Zealand Cup on Tasman, Vanguard, and Fulmen (who dead-heated with Ideal): the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes on Silvermark, Bombshell, Multiform (who dead-heated with Sir Lancelot), and Romanoff: the C. J. Oaks on Diadem, Florrie, Dora, Ich Dien, Bluefire, Bellicent, and Motto—six of these races in succession.

Derrett has ridden the winners of the Canterbury Derby on nine occasions, a record in connection with a classic race which

has rarely been achieved in any part of the world, and never equalled in this or our sister colonies. In 1878, he won his first on Mr. W. F. Neilson's Natator: in 1882 and 1886, on the Hon. W. Robinson's Cheviot and Disowned; in 1891, on Mr. D. O'Brien's Florrie; in 1892, 1894, 1896, 1897, and 1898, on Mr. G. G. Stead's Stepniak, Bluefire, Uniform, Multiform, and Altair: the Middle Park Plate on Carbine (a memorable event, as it was that colt's first race, and he was left standing at the post), Dunkeld, Bloodshot (twice), Maxim, Gold Medallist, and Conqueror; the C.J.C. Challenge Stakes on Multiform three years in succession: the first Great Autumn Handicap on Mr. H. Redwood's Kakapo in 1874, and the last in 1905 on the Messrs. Hazlett's Vladimir, a record interval in connection with any prominent handicap event that the editor can call to mind. Singularly enough, Derrett only succeeded on one other occasion in this particular event, and that was on Mr. D. O'Brien's Rubina in 1885. On Strowan, Bluefire, Bombshell and Multiform, he won the C.J.C. Champion Stakes, no other horseman having won so often since the race was established in 1874, a remark which also applies to the Middle Park Plate.

The Auckland R.C. Great Northern Foal Stakes was won by him on Reflector, Bloodshot, Conqueror, Screw Gun, and Menschikoff; the A.R.C. Royal Stakes by Bloodshot, Gold Medallist, and Screw Gun; and the Great Northern Derby on Disowned; the Auckland Cup on Foul Play, and the Auckland R.C. Handicap on Crackshot and St. Hippo.

Derrett's only wins in the Dunedin Cup were on Mr. O'Brien's Fishhook in 1877, and the Hon. W. Robinson's Vanguard in 1885. In 1879 and 1885 he won the Dunedin Jockey Club Handicap on Fishhook and Tasman, and in 1880 and 1881 won the same race on the Hon. Robinson's Foul Play and Natator, no other horseman having won so often. He was on Gold Medallist in the Dunedin Eclipse Stakes, and, later on, won on Multiform, the race being discontinued after Mr. Stead had won it three times. On Saracen and Fulmen he had winning rides in the Dunedin Birthday Handicap. The Dunedin Champagne Stakes has been one of his lucky races, and that event he won on eight occasions, first on the Hon. W. Robinson's Oudeis, next on Mr. O'Brien's Gipsy King and Carbine, then on Mr. Lunn's Cajolery, and on Mr. Stead's Bombshell, Gold Medallist, Courtier, and Menschikoff. On Mr. O'Brien's Florrie, Mr. E. Gates' Lady Lillian, Mr. Stead's Uniform, and Mr. A. Moss' Canteen, he won the Otago Cup; and on Fishhook and Foul Play the Dunedin Forbury Handicap; the Hawke's Bay Guineas on Multiform, and the first Hawke's Bay Stakes on Bloodshot. Added to these events, he won the Napier Cup on The Shrew, the Timaru Cup on Tasman (twice), Crackshot, and Liberator; the Wanganui Cup on Mr. G. Fraser's (Mr. Stead's) Betrayer, Mr. G. Bates'

(Mr. Donne's) Poet, and Mr. M. Hobbs' Lady Zetland; and the Wanganui Derby on Mr. Butler's Fusileer. Other victories were the North Island (Wellington) Challenge Stakes on Menschikoff; New Zealand (Wellington) St. Leger on Altair; Wellington Cup on Foul Play, Natator, Tasman, Cynisca, and Vogengang; and some hundreds of races on metropolitan and country racecourses in different parts of the colony, which go to make up a truly remarkable record during over thirty-five years of active service as a professional horseman, in which time he has also trained a good many horses. He is still riding, and during the early spring meetings of 1905 has given evidence of the fact that he possesses the judgment and finished qualities in horsemanship which men of his years rarely display. In the matter of long service, Derrett is a veteran, but to-day, as of old, he displays wonderful vitality, and his record is one which entitles him to rank as the premier of colonial horsemen, and one which may never be equalled by later-day contemporaries.

## L. H. HEWITT.

L. H. Hewitt, New Zealand's Sloan, was born in Victoria, near Melbourne, in 1879, and, like many horsemen who have gained fame, first learned to ride after stock. This, however, was in New Zealand, and he was so employed during his early career on Mr. Tennant's Heddon Bush Station, in Invercargill, and prior to that had some experience at rabbiting, bush work, ditching, and, in the Winton Freezing Works, legging sheep. At Heddon Bush, under Mr. James Lawson, who had charge of Mr. Tennant's horses, Hewitt, who had always ridden in a crouching style, had his first ride in public, and he commenced with a win on Sparrow in the Winton Guineas of 1897, but did not ride again that season. Next year he won the same race on Greba for Mr. Tennant, and won in three out of his first four essays, Glenelg being second in the Prince of Wales' Stakes. Here he met with an accident which nearly ended his career, for Tommy Atkins ran into a post with him. The horse broke his jaw, and Hewitt was rendered unconscious for three days. Soon after this he was engaged by Mr. H. Goodman, and won seventeen races for that owner during the first season, Cherrystone, Black and Red, Pitch and Toss, and Swordfish being the horses he bestrode. Cherrystone won the Craven Plate, Black and Red the C.J.C. Handicap, and Pitch and Toss the C.J.C. Great Autumn. Towards the close of the season Hewitt was suspended for having retaliated on another rider, and took a trip to Australia, where he won the Toorak Handicap on Alva, who started at the long odds of 50 to 1. Returning to New Zealand, he won a race on Goldspur, and was on Motto when she paid a dividend of £83 4s. He was afterwards with Mr. Dan. O'Brien at Riccarton for a time,

**L. H. HEWITT,**
**New Zealand's Sloan.**

and finally started riding for Mr. G. G. Stead. His first mount in the yellow livery was on Formosan at the Hutt in 1900, and he was second. To ride Skobeleff in the New Zealand Cup, he wasted 16lbs., and was about this time engaged as second jockey, R. Derritt being the leading horseman for the stable. Since that time Hewitt has ridden the winners of nearly every important stake in this colony, besides winners of leading races in New South Wales, and a few races in Victoria. For the various owners he has ridden for during his meteoric and comparatively short career, he has been up on horses that have won, up to the end of the season of 1904-5, upwards of £60,000 in stakes, £35,000 of which was with horses owned by Mr. G. G. Stead, for whom he rode 172 races, winning 85, or just over half. He has also ridden for many of the best-known owners, in addition to those already mentioned, including Sir George Clifford, the Hon. Mosman, Hon. Geo. McLean, Messrs. E. J. Watt, T. H. Lowry, D. O'Brien, Dalgetty, G. P. Donnelly, and J. Lennard. No horseman in the colony can show such a fine record in proportion to the number of rides, due to individual merit, in which strength, pluck, judgment, and a handy weight are brought into play; and he has had the best of mounts, though, like many of his profession, some very indifferent ones. To enumerate all his successes here would be too voluminous, but the following are amongst the chief:—The Great Northern Foal Stakes on King Log, Silkworm, and Sungod; the A.R.C. Royal Stakes on Royal Artillery and Machine Gun; the Great Northern Derby on Menschikoff; the Auckland Cup on St. Michael and Siege Gun; the Auckland Racing Club Handicap on Romeo; the New Zealand Cup on Grand Rapids; the Canterbury J.C. Welcome Stakes on Orloff, Golden Lily, and Munjeet; the C.J.C. Oaks on Ismene, Cruciform, and Nightfall; the Canterbury Derby on Menschikoff, Orloff, and Nightfall; the Canterbury Cup on Cruciform and Martian; the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap on Ben Farley, Skobeleff, Dundas, and Cannie Chiel; the C.J.C. Great Easter Handicap on Cruciform and Pampero; the C.J.C. Middle Park Plate on Menschikoff, Cruciform, and Machine Gun; the C.J.C. Challenge Stakes on Cruciform (twice) and Martian; the Great Autumn Handicap on Pitch and Toss; Canterbury Champagne Stakes on Orloff; Dunedin J.C. Handicap on Pampero; the Dunedin Cup on Dundas and Orloff; the Dunedin Champagne Stakes on Machine Gun, Stronghold, and Glenowlet; the Otago Cup on Pampero; Hawke's Bay Guineas on Menschikoff, Golden Lily, and Cruciform; the Hawke's Bay Stakes on Royal Artillery; the Wellington Cup on St. Michael and Nightfall; the Wellington Wellesley Stakes on Menschikoff, Orloff, Silkworm, and Munjeet; the North Island Challenge Stakes on Martian; the New Zealand St. Leger on Cruciform and Treadmill; the Wellington Stakes on Menschikoff, Cruciform, and Silkworm; the C.J.C. Stewards' Stakes, the Auckland R.C. Railway Handicap,

**PERCY JOHNSON**

**A Leading Cross-country Horseman and Trainer.**

and scores of other important handicap and minor races on metropolitan courses, besides numerous races on country courses within this colony. While in Australia he won the Randwick Plate on Martian and Nightfall; the Craven Plate on Cruciform, beating Wakeful by a head; and the A.J.C. Derby on Noctuiform, these being the most pleasing winning achievements in his whole career. His eight winning rides at Randwick at the spring meeting of 1905 have brought him still more prominently before the public of Australasia as a successful horseman and an exponent of the Sloan style of riding, at which, so far, he has had no equal in the colonies. Hewitt at one time owned New Zealand's champion pacing horse Ribbonwood. He has ridden so many good ones that some might doubt whether he could say absolutely which was the best. As a weight-carrying sprinter, he places Machine Gun first; for extreme speed off the mark, Menschikoff; and mentions Royal Artillery, when extended, as a great goer; but first in his estimation for all-round excellence he places Cruciform, for whom he has a warm word.

## PERCY JOHNSON.

Percy Johnson was born in Taranaki in 1871, and was with his father, William, who was an accomplished horseman, and commenced riding at an early age, his first mount being in a hack race at Waitara, and then on Ravenswood, Lottie, Octopus (who paid a £24 dividend), Mermaid, Blackbird, Prospero, Hippo, Creeping Jennie, and Grey Macaroni. Then came Le Clair, on whom he won his first hurdle race, Jennie, Pawa, Good Day, Sailor Boy, Lifebuoy (two bullock chains tied round his body being used to make up necessary weight), and Maire. On Ionic he won four races at Waitara on one day, the distances being one and a-quarter miles, six furlongs, mile and a-half, and one mile, in all four and a-half miles, which is a New Zealand record. Well-remembered horses Johnson has also ridden and won on are Flukem, Despised, Mutiny, Armourer, Nugget, Clayton, Mamuku, Austral, Orphan, Whalebone, Okato, Sylvia Park, Lady Belle, Kia Ora, Dick, Ruapehu, Ngaruhoe, Waipipi, Corsan, Dartmoor, Union Jack, Emmet, Sleevelink, Vendor, Virginia, Dummy, Muscatel, Tim, Durus, Cutlass, Cairo, Hempie, Torpedo, Takapau, Bootles, The Friar, Chatterbox, Weka, Tattler, Secrecy, Narrate, Straybird, Haydn, Pippo, Nat, Cavaliero, Battleaxe, Phaetonitis, Tupara, Cavalry, Waiwera, Lurcher, Kiatere, and many more. Nearly all of these horses were hurdle or steeplechase winners. On Waiuku he was beaten a head in his only ride on that great flat horse.

During one season Johnson won thirty jumping races, and has won more races of all descriptions than any other horseman in a similar time, flat races, hack and open hurdle races, cross-country

**A. HALL**

**Horseman, Trainer, Owner.**

events, and a few trotting races having gone down to his credit. He has won all the principal cross-country races, some of them a number of times. The list comprises the Great Northern Steeplechase on Jenny, Muscatel, Dummy, and Kiatere; the Great Northern Hurdles on Mutiny, Cavaliero, and Battleaxe; the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase on Dummy, and the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race on the same horse; the Beaufort Steeplechase on Friar, Muscatel, Straybird, and Phaetonitis; the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase on Jenny; the Wanganui Steeplechase on Muscatel, twice; the Wellington Steeplechase on Whalebone (dead-heating with Oeo), Nat, and The Friar; the Egmont Steeplechase on Rambler, Whalebone, Bootles, The Friar, Union Jack, and Nat.

Amongst the horses Johnson has trained with success may be mentioned particularly St. Laura, Okoari, Battleaxe, and Tupara. On the last-named, when beaten a head by Tahae in the hurdle race at the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting of 1904, he just failed to land the last leg of a double of about £600 to £1. In a steeplechase he won at Egmont on Waipipi no money was invested on his mount, and the totalisator money was returned. On a horse called Tommy he won a trotting race, and the dividend was £69, and on Stoper, another trotter, he scored, a dividend of £30 being paid. Battleaxe, trained by Johnson, won the Hawke's Bay Cup, C.J.C. Handicap, Taranaki Cup, Auckland Century Stakes, and a number of good races, besides the Great Northern Hurdle Handicap.

From the names furnished it will be gathered that Johnson has not only ridden some good horses, but has won nearly all the leading jumping races, hurdle and steeplechase events in the colony. He rode Battleaxe in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, his only ride outside the colony. For eight years he played football for the Taranaki Tukapa Club, and at that game had one of his hands broken; but though he has had a good many falls in race-riding during his career, and has been stunned a few times, he has never been seriously hurt.

## ALEX. HALL.

One of the most capable and successful hurdle and cross-country horsemen we have had in New Zealand is Alex. Hall, who last season decided upon relinquishing race-riding and entering upon the career of a public trainer and owner, after having followed the profession of jockey for upwards of sixteen years. During that time he rode in numerous flat, hurdle, and steeplechase events in different parts of New Zealand, his early successes being gained chiefly in hack events on the West Coast of the North Island, where his services were always in much request. The names of each of the winners Hall has ridden

**MARK RYAN**

**A Leading Auckland Horseman.**

would take up a good deal of space, but the pages of the "Turf Register" go to show that they have been many and useful, and he was well up at the head of the lists of winning riders over hurdles and country during several seasons.

As long back as 1890 he won the Nelson Cup on Sincerity, that being one of his chief flat race successes. In 1898 he won the Great Northern Hurdle Race on Opae and the Napier Park Steeplechase on Kauri Gum, and next season the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase on Ruby, half-sister to Moifaa; in 1891 the Wellington Steeplechase on Gobo, the Wanganui and Great Northern Steeplechases on The Guard in 1892, and the Hawke's Bay and Napier Park Steeplechase on Jack o' Lantern. His last big winning achievement was in winning the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race on Waiwera in 1904.

## MARK RYAN.

Mark Ryan is one of the best-known horsemen in the Australasian colonies, and has had a wide experience since he commenced at the age of thirteen years on a hard-pulling horse called Reprieve, when he weighed 5st. 2lb. This was in the country districts of New South Wales, where he rode for a period of five years before entering the employ of Mr. J. P. Jost, in Queensland, for whom, and other owners, he rode until he accepted an engagement with Mr. Eugene Monahan, of Charters Towers, North Queensland. He rode many winners, including a game little horse called Petronel. For Mr. Monahan he won the Townsville Cup, and a number of races on Woolongong, a good second-rater under big weights. At Townsville he was training for about two years, and won many races with Fiction, Petronel, Bukkulla, and Stewardess. He then went to Brisbane and engaged with Mr. Charles Brown, owner of Megaphone. In his first ride on Rosebank for that owner he won Tattersall's Cup of £750. In his first ride on Megaphone in the Champagne Stakes there, that colt had only been up a month, and no one connected with him, including Ryan himself, dreamed that he had any chance, but the colt surprised everyone by winning easily. In Queensland, Ryan was never beaten on Megaphone, who he claims was much the best horse he ever rode. Megaphone's first defeat was in the County Stakes at Hawkesbury, New South Wales, by the speedy New Zealander Teksum; but Ryan, never having been beaten on Megaphone, admits that he was over-confident, and, as the horse was short of a gallop, lost. Next day, however, he won the Hawkesbury Handicap, one and a-half miles, in 2min. 35½sec., easily; and, carrying 8st. 4lb., was second to the great Bungebah, 7st. 10lb., in the A.J.C. Epsom Handicap, one mile, run in 1min. 40sec. Two days later he beat twenty-three others in the Squatters' Handicap, one and a-quar-

ter miles, carrying 8st. 12lb., in 2min. 10sec., a performance for a three-year-old in the month of September that Ryan has good reason to believe stands out by itself. Forty-eight hours later Megaphone met Carbine in their memorable race at weight-for-age over the same distance in the Craven Plate, and was beaten a neck in 2min. 7sec. On the same afternoon Mr. Brown, to the surprise of all, would have the colt saddled again. This was for the City Handicap, one and a-half miles, and with the crusher of 9st. 7lb. on his back. In that race, against twenty-one others, he finished fourth, and was nearly down twice. This was Ryan's last ride on one of the greatest colts ever foaled in Australasia, after which event the late Mr. D. S. Wallace, owner of Carbine, bought Megaphone for £3,000. Ryan continued riding with success for Mr. Brown until that owner went to Melbourne, when he accepted a retainer to ride for Mr. F. J. Taylor, for whom Harry Walsh, the principal trainer in Brisbane, had horses. Ryan won a great many races for various owners, including the Stradbroke Handicap—the Newmarket of Queensland—on Tallboy, a great sprinter, and the Tattersall's double on Memah; also a lot of races on Governor, the best of Walsh's team, and continued riding in Queensland, where he won nearly every big race with the exception of the Derby, prior to 1898. Then racing dropped to a low ebb through floods and droughts, and Ryan came to New Zealand.

The Queenslander had not been in this colony a week when he rode Miss Delaval in her first race, and won five out of seven of her two-year-old engagements with her, including the Avondale Stakes, Welcome, Musket, and Champagne Stakes. During that season he became attached to F. Macnianemin's stable as first horseman, and has been with that mentor ever since. He won on Waiorongomai in his first ride. Ryan considers Nonette, whom he rode in all his races, the second best horse he has ever ridden over any distance, and a brilliant finisher, who was always very fit when he was sent out to do battle. On Nonette he won the Avondale Stakes, Northern Champagne Stakes, Auckland Guineas, Avondale Guineas, Avondale Cup, Wanganui Cup, A.R.C. Birthday Handicap, Auckland Century Stakes, A.R.C. Handicap, Summer Cup, Easter Handicap, and other events; on Ropa he won the Avondale Guineas; on Scotty, the A.R.C. Handicap and Easter Handicap, besides other races; the Wanganui Cup on Mars; Auckland Guineas, City Handicap, Prince of Wales' Handicap on La Gloria; and races on scores of others of less note on the metropolitan, suburban, and country courses of Auckland, and a few on Taranaki, Wellington and other courses in New Zealand. Ryan has ridden against most of the best men in his time, and says he considers "Bricky" Colley and Martin Gallagher the best horsemen he has known.

## J. GALLAGHER.

Joe Gallagher, who is known throughout New Zealand as one of the most finished horsemen, was born at Ponsonby, Auckland, on the 17th May, 1874. At the age of thirteen he went into the employ of Mr. M. Carmody, at Green Lane, who afterwards trained Glenloth, winner of the Melbourne Cup. Gallagher rode his first race on a horse trained by Mr. J. Chaafe, but his first win was on Mr. T. Morrin's good colt Teksum. About fifteen years ago he went to Sydney under an engagement to Mr. J. Allsop, and remained with that trainer for twelve months. On returning to New Zealand, he entered into an engagement to ride for the late Mr. L. D. Nathan, and was riding for that gentleman and his brother and horses trained by George Wright for over eleven years. When the Messrs. Nathan sold their racing stud, he accepted a retainer to ride for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, of Hawke's Bay, and is still in that gentleman's service. During the eighteen years Gallagher has been following his profession he has had seven falls, breaking both collar-bones, an arm, a leg, and several ribs, and at the Autumn Meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club got his foot broken by a kick from Wet Reef when at the post for the last race.

Like many of our horsemen, Gallagher has never troubled to keep a record of his winning achievements, but they have been numerous, and he has won many of the leading races in the colony, and has been on the backs of some of the best horses bred in New Zealand. His most important wins were on St. Hippo in the New Zealand and Auckland Cups; the Auckland Champagne Stakes on St. Hippo, Three Star, Forma, Miss Emmy, and Beddington: the Auckland Racing Club Handicap on St. Hippo, Dolosa, Van Diemen, Explosion, and Rosella; the Auckland Guineas on Leolantis and Explosion; the Northern Derby on St. Hippo and Stepfeldt; the Canterbury Oaks on Armilla: New Zealand St. Leger on Beddington; the Auckland Easter Handicap on Acone and Day Star; the Napier Cup on Woodstock; Taranaki Cup (twice) on Battleaxe; the Hawke's Bay Cup on Day Star and Battleaxe; the Hawke's Bay Guineas on St. Hippo and Day Star; Dunedin J.C. Handicap and Wanganui Stakes and many other races on Hilda; the Century Stakes on Achilles. Many two-year-old events and good handicap races were won by Gallagher's mounts, and he has ridden with success on the Dunedin, Canterbury, Wellington, Wanganui, Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, and Auckland metropolitan courses.

**THOMAS TAYLOR**
**A Prominent Auckland Horseman.**

## THOMAS TAYLOR.

Thomas Taylor, the well-known Auckland horseman, who has been riding for a period of twenty-eight years, has always been recognised as a capable and vigorous finisher. He was born at Otahuhu, Auckland, in 1865, and has ridden numerous winners since he commenced riding in 1877, at twelve years old, at country meetings. His father, Mr. Donald Taylor, rode and trained horses in the early days, when race meetings were held at long intervals in different parts of the colony, and to-day tells of his adventures, one of which was to walk all the way from Auckland to Napier to fulfil an engagement in a match with Mr. Hunter. Dougald Taylor, another of his sons, was a good horseman over fences while in New Zealand, and has proved a good reinsman and trainer of American trotting horses in Australia. The subject of this sketch was born in Auckland, and his principal winning achievements have been obtained in the North Island, and most of them in the Auckland Province. He has ridden for quite a number of owners, and many first-class horses, first of which he places Hilda, Mahaki, and Mitrailleuse, which is saying something when others are called to mind. On Leorina he won no less than fourteen races, on Hilda and Mitrailleuse each ten, on Antelope and Hippodamia each nine, on Mahaki, Mystery, and Friendship each six; on Fishwoman, Libeller, Record Reign, Ida, and her daughter Idas, each five; Cissy, Fabulist, Val Rosa, and Malvern, each four. The names of King Quail, Teksum, The Workman, Grand Duchess, Orange and Blue, St. Clements, Formo, Miss Delaval, Foulshot, Quadrant, Revolver, Armilla, Forma, Tiritza, Mary, Woodnymph, Lady Florin, Scot Free, Folly, Piscatorious, Billingsgate, Fishgirl, Hailstorm, Victoria, Red Lancer, Tamora, Balista, Acone, Royal Rose, Dancer, Pegasus, Morion, St. Crispin, Acacia, St. Kilda, Larry, Bluejacket, Glenogle, and Bacchus include some of the best Taylor won on, some of them two and three times. While attached to the late Mr. Walters' stables, he won over fifty races, and while connected with Mr. G. Wright's stable some seventeen winners of fifty-five races; for Mr. J. Lennard, upwards of thirty; for Mr. F. Macmanemin, a dozen. During several seasons he was well up at the head of the list of winning horsemen, and on top in 1882. Some of his early wins were recorded on Little Dick at Ellerslie; Harold, Malvern, Vampire, Rawenata, Barney, Tiger, Chitham's Dan, Luckpenny, Soukar, Ely, Woodpecker, Mystery, Baron, Libeller, Billingsgate, King Quail, and others. The more important races he has won are the Auckland Welcome Stakes on Cissy, Mary, and Idas; the Auckland Musket Stakes on Hylas, Armilla, Val Rosa, and Carl Rosa; Auckland Champagne Stakes on Hilda and Forma; the Great Northern Foal Stakes on Idas; Auckland Guineas on Hilda, Cissy, and

**GEORGE PRICE**

**A Successful Wanganui Light-weight.**

Brigand; the Great Northern Derby on Foulshot, Fabulist, Bluejacket, and Miss Delaval; the Auckland Prince of Wales' Handicap on Record Reign: Auckland R.C. Handicap on Mahaki; Easter Handicap on Hilda; Autumn Handicap on Hilda, Malvern, and Fabulist; Newmarket Handicap on Mitrailleuse; Takapuna Cup on Morion and Fabulist; Takapuna Handicap on Fishwoman; Taranaki Autumn Handicap on King Quail; Avondale Cup on Record Reign; Wanganui Cup on Hailstorm; Hawke's Bay Cup on Soukar; Wellington Cup on Mahaki; Waverley Guineas on Hippodamia; Wellesley Stakes, Wellington, on Glenogle, and St. Leger on Miss Delaval; Feilding Handicap and Gisborne Tauranga Stakes on Mahaki.

## GEORGE PRICE.

There are few horsemen who are more popular than George Price, few who work harder, and none who do quite so much riding as he, his weight being such a handy one as to permit of him riding light without wasting. Price was born in Christchurch on 22nd January, 1879, and in 1893 was with Mr. P. Butler, his connection with horses commencing at that period. For twelve months he remained with Mr. Butler, and then went to work for Mr. J. Belcher at Wanganui, and had his first winning ride on the Castor gelding Orion for Mr. D. Knight. He says that of the many he has ridden since, those he liked most were Castashore, Melwood, Sedgebrook, and Boris; and one of the gamest Motor; one of the most brilliant off the mark Ballarat.

In his first season, 1895-6, Price rode six winners, and in successive seasons 24, 26, 28, 18, 36, 38, 28, 29, down to the end of the season of 1904, and during last season more than maintained his average of wins and rides. Since his first season he has ridden close on two hundred races each season. Roughly, his average of wins totals 28; average of seconds, 29; and of thirds, 23 per season. In 1902 he rode in 253 races. In 1903 and 1904 he rode the same number of firsts and seconds, namely, twenty-eight winners and thirty-four seconds. He has ridden in five dead-heats, and has had his collar-bone broken twice through the falling of his mounts—Sedgebrook at Feilding, and Zealous at Riccarton, both on the flat.

On Fakir, Motor, and Convoy, in successive years, Price won the Rangitikei Cup; on Ngatarua he won the Nelson Cup; on Fakir the Napier Cup; on Castashore the Manawatu Cup; on Boris the Hawke's Bay Stakes; on Madrigal the Hawke's Bay Cup; on Quarryman the Hawke's Bay Guineas; and on Motor the Egmont Cup. These are the chief of the established races he has been successful in. Willie Price, who has been successful on the flat and over hurdles, is a brother of the subject of this sketch, and is also very popular.

**CHARLIE JENKINS**
**One of the Premiers of our Jockeys.**

## C. JENKINS.

This popular and highly successful horseman, like many more of the same profession, drifted into racing accidentally, as it were, though his father was a leading horseman in his time. As a small boy he was engaged milking cows and shepherding for Mr. J. R. McDonald, of Horowhenua, and when thirteen years old won his first races on that owner's hack Cameo at the Himitangi-Foxton Maori Meeting, the double of Flying (£5) and Himitangi Cup (of £8) falling to his mount. His weight then was under 5st., and in order to ride 8st. a sack was procured, and as there was not a sufficiency of lead, some clay was procured also to make up the weight. Before becoming an apprentice of Mr. W. Holmes, of Bulls, he had won six races in all, and remained with Holmes for nine years altogether, riding during that time such well-known performers as Lorelei (half-sister to Advance, and a really good mare), Ngatuere, Tupuhi, The Artist, Ebor II., and Umslopogaas, and riding for others outside the stable as well. Indeed, for several seasons he stood at the head of the list of winning horsemen in New Zealand, chiefly through the assistance of the large number of hack racers he bestrode during each year, and his average of wins for the past fourteen years would probably be found larger than those any other horseman could claim for a similar period. The records are incomplete, but for seven seasons he was well ahead of his best-known contemporaries, and more than once at the top of the list, a light weight and conspicuous ability always securing for him plenty of patronage. Though it was in connection with minor racing that he was first brought into prominence, he has been on the backs of winners of many of the good races, and has had the riding of several of the champions, including Advance, whom he rode in most of his races in New Zealand and in each of his engagements in Australia, and Achilles in all his races with the exception of the Century Stakes. He has held a first retainer from Messrs. "Douglas Gordon" and "J. Monk" for some years, and has ridden all the best of the horses trained by the Porirua trainer, J. H. Prosser, when the weight suited. These include the speedy Boreas and that good mare Tortulla, who gave him his only New Zealand Cup win. He was on the back of Mr. E. J. Watt's Indian Queen when she effected a surprise by beating Menschikoff in the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, won the Canterbury Cup on Advance, the Middle Park Plate on Achilles, the C.J.C. Jubilee Cup on Achilles, the Hawke's Bay Stakes, Wellington Stakes (twice), Wanganui Guineas, Jackson Stakes (twice), and other races on that horse, the Canterbury Cup, Wellington Cup, Dunedin Cup, C.J.C. Jubilee Cup, Auckland Easter and Autumn Handicaps, and many other

**JAMES BUCHANAN**
**A Prominent Auckland Horseman.**

races on Advance, the Dunedin Forbury and Jockey Club Handicaps on Boreas, the Manawatu Cup on that gelding, also on Tortulla, Irish Twist, and Lorelei twice, and the Rangitikei Cup on the last-named mare, and also on Toa, the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap on Lady Lilian, the Wanganui Derby on Ngatuere, and Wanganui Cup on Blarney; the Egmont Cup on Monte Carlo, the Northern Champagne and North Island Challenge Stakes on Porirua, and in the Wellington Cup and R.C. Handicap was on Convoy, who got the stakes through the disqualification of Gladsome. These are only some of the chief wins of this accomplished horseman, who can still go to scale at 7st. 10lb. His father rode his last race in public when over seventy years of age. Charlie has only once been up over hurdles. This was on Toroa, a mare who never won a race, when she beat Plain Bill at Otaki, but failed to catch King of the Downs. The biggest dividend paid by any of Jenkins' mounts was the surprising one of £76 on Sedgebrook, who was then being hacked about by his owner, a well-known Wanganui banker. During the season 1904-5, Jenkins has won so many races that he is an easy first amongst the winning horsemen. He rode at 7st. 10lb. during the month of April, and had won 87 races before the concluding meeting of the season.

## JAMES BUCHANAN.

James Buchanan, who is one of our best-known horsemen, was born at Ormond, near Gisborne, in 1879, where he went to school and learned to ride. He had his first mounts while in the Gisborne district, where he was apprenticed to the saddlery business for three years, riding occasionally during the time. His first ride was on a horse called Sinecure, at the Gisborne Park racecourse, in a scurry, which he won. Some time afterwards he accepted a position in the stables of the Auckland trainer, Geo. Wright, and did a lot of the light-weight riding for that mentor. On several occasions he visited Australia, where he won five races, three of them being for Mr. Wright. He had several winning rides at the pony meetings, and also rode while there for Chaafe, senr. During his stay with Wright he rode St. Elmo, Beddington, Laetitia, Northumberland, Grey Seaton, Mary Seaton, Rosella, and others of the Messrs. Nathan's horses, winning the Easter Handicap with Rosella, beating Wairiki with Northumberland, and winning on Mary Seaton just after that filly had been sold by his employers. This was in the Midsummer Handicap, when she beat about as hot a favourite in Helen Faucit as has saddled up in Auckland for a two-year-old event. In four days at midsummer time in Auckland Buchanan won fourteen races, and in another season eleven races within the same period. His most recent successes of note were

**STEVE MALONE**
**An Accomplished Young Horseman.**

achieved on Regulation in the Easter Handicap at Auckland in 1904, and on Mahutonga in the C.J.C. Metropolitan Handicap, the Auckland Cup, and Auckland Plate. He dead-heated with Romeo last year in the Autumn Handicap whilst riding Regulation; and this year, by a coincidence, was on Strathavon in the same race when that gelding dead-heated with Romeo; Speakman, by a further coincidence, being on Romeo each time. Buchanan was on King Billy when he won the Northern Champagne Stakes, Auckland, 1905.

## STEVE MALONE.

Stephen Malone is one of our youngest riders, and has been seen out in public since the spring meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club in 1901, when he had his first mounts on Slapjack in the Grandstand Handicap, in which he was second, and next day in the Selling Race, on the same horse, when he won. He was then eleven years old. That season he also rode second in a hack race at Tologa Bay. On the 28th of August, in the beginning of the following season, the Emir Bey gelding Mangamahaki was matched to race a gelding called Majestic, by Crackshot, over the Gisborne Park steeplechase course, for £20 a-side, catch weights. Nat Noble, the well-known cross-country rider, was engaged for Majestic, but some surprise was expressed when the subject of this notice, who was then but twelve years of age, and weighed only 5st. 7lb., was seen to have the mount on Mangamahaki, the saddle bringing his weight to 6st. 7lb. There was a lot of interest shown in this event, and quite five hundred people turned out to witness it. Majestic had previously met and beaten Mangamahaki at the local Hunt Club Meeting, but weight told its tale, and young Malone handled Mangamahaki so well that he easily turned the tables on his opponent, his mount running the two miles in 4min. 14½sec., showing that the pace was on, and that a clever boy could do a great deal even with a horse that ran down his fences, for Mangamahaki was taken to the front after crossing the double, and led the rest of the journey.

During the seasons 1902-3 and 1903-4 this lad rode in upwards of fifty races, a few of them at the small coast clubs' meetings, several in Auckland, and one or two at Woodville. Counting one win at the last-named place, and one at Tologa Bay, he won a dozen races, was second in nineteen, and third in thirteen, and he has started the present season very well. He was riding 6st. 10lb. at the Spring Meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, and so long as his weight serves he will always command mounts, as he is a most capable lad. During the past season he has ridden a good many winners.

**FRANK BURNS**

**A Popular Cross-country Horseman.**

## FRANK BURNS.

This popular cross-country horseman is Auckland-born, and though in his fortieth year is as keen on racing as when he joined the stables of the late Mr. Mathew Edgar over a quarter of a century ago, when Ariel was still racing and Don was in commission. About that time Burns went with Mr. Owen McGee who had May Moon, Perfume, Nebula, Elsa and other horses. It was in 1882 that he first rode over hurdles for Mr. McGee on Evening Star, and since that time he has been continuously in evidence, and has ridden on almost every course within the provincial boundaries of Auckland, and on a good many beyond. The old Henderson's Mill, Otahuhu, and Onehunga courses were amongst the first. On Whangarei, Paeroa, the Thames, Avondale, Takapuna, Cambridge, Ellerslie, Gisborne (2), Wellington, Riccarton, Taranaki, and many other courses he has been a prominent figure, and has ridden a few very good horses, and achieved some distinguished victories. On Nap he won many hurdle and steeplechase events, and won all three cross-country races at Takapuna at a meeting in 1897 with that gelding. A list of all Frank's wins would be a long one, but it may be mentioned that he piloted successfully Comet, Contractor, Otara, Across the Grass, Catch 'Em, Evening Star, Frivolity, Banana, Twilight, Tinman, Dressmaker, Vanguard, Hikurangi, Hurricane, Omata, Ingarangi, Carbuncle, Perform, Opou, Reindeer, Glenlora, Cingalee, Magpie, Union Jack, Kaitoa, Parnell, Drum Major, Telephone, Voltigeur, Spalpeen, Hippowai, Papatu, Lady Raven, Hakaria, Irish, and many more. When on Mr Edgar's Banana he won a hurdle race at Henderson's Mill, that gelding returned a dividend of £33. At Takapuna, when he won on Vanguard, £86 was the return investors received. His first win over country was at Ellerslie on Hurricane. He was on Union Jack when that gelding fell in the Spring Steeplechase at Ellerslie and was killed. On that occasion he broke an arm, but has never been more seriously injured. Hurricane was 22 years old when Burns last won on him. He reckons Spalpeen the best young hurdle horse he ever rode, old grey Voltigeur the gamest and best stayer over country, Perform the most uniform jumper, Carbuncle the best steeplechaser of her inches that ever raced over Northern steeplechase courses.

Burns, who held the New Zealand feather-weight championship as a boxer for some years, has been carrying on the business of hotel proprietor at Panmure for some years, but, if reports speak truly, has never known the taste of liquor. He is always very fit, and a more fair exponent of boxing and race-riding cannot be found.

**FRED DAVIS**

**A Capable and Successful Horseman.**

## FRED. DAVIS.

F. Davis, one of the best-known and capable knights of the pigskin we have in this colony, would stand much higher up the winning list every year were he able to go to scale lighter than he does without wasting, as he rides with judgment and determination, and is a real good finisher, and being one of those who know how to conduct themselves, his services are always in request. He has been riding for about sixteen seasons, and has been on the backs of winners of many of the leading races in this colony since he started in the stables of the late James Kean. He was born in Whangarei on the 17th December, 1875, and had his first mount at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting in 1889 on the pony two-year-old Nordenfeldt colt Cambria, and it may be said that this established a name for Master Fred straight away, for not only did Cambria win, but he returned to investors the fine dividend of £69. When Kean took Cuirassier and Leopold to Australia, Davis accompanied them, but he remained with C. Roberts, near Sydney, for about twelve months before returning to his old employer, with whom he remained until Kean gave up training through ill-health, when he had a short spell at training on his own account, having Pegasus and Waiorongomai under his care, as also Castoria. About this time the Hon. J. D. Ormond offered him a position as first horseman, which he accepted, and he remained with the Hawke's Bay sportsman until the autumn of 1904, when he accepted an engagement from Mr. E. J. Watt, and has been successful on several of that gentleman's horses, as he had been on those of other employers. It would take up too much space to enumerate all the races that Davis has won, but some of the chief may be mentioned, including the New Zealand Cup on Halberdier, the Auckland Cup on Lottie (the first mare to succeed in that race), the Wellington Cup on Renown and Daunt, the Hawke's Bay Cup on Ideal, the Great Northern Foal Stakes, Royal Stakes, Great Northern Derby, Wanganui Guineas, and Hawke's Bay Guineas on Renown, the Auckland Easter Handicap on Lottie, the Auckland Century Stakes on Battleaxe and Starshoot, the Napier Park Stakes on Tauhei, Wanganui Derby and Hawke's Bay Stakes on Daunt, Wanganui Guineas on St. Mark (Mr. Watt's first classic win), Napier Cup on Fleka, A.R.C. Welcome Stakes on Boomerang, and many more valuable events, including two-year-old races, his average wins season in and season out being good. Davis has been proverbially lucky, and on one occasion quite unexpectedly he was engaged at the last moment for Panoply for a race at Ellerslie for which it was not thought the owner would start him. Fred was put up overweight, and

**T. COTTON, Senr., and His Sons, Thomas, Victor and Edward.**

won, Panoply beating two stable companions and returning the nice dividend of £56. Backing the winning double of Aka Aka and Moccasin at £500 to £3 must be accounted a piece of good judgment. Davis has never ridden in a hurdle race, but was on the back of Reynard in the Recovery Handicap, the last race at the Ellerslie Summer Meeting on January 2, 1895, when a flight of hurdles was left on the course after a pony jumping race, and Reynard was the first one that safely negotiated the obstacle in that record event, over which there was the wildest excitement, the race having to be re-run. Davis rode in a field of forty-one at Randwick when on his Australian visit. He won recently on Rookby in a field of twenty-two at Ellerslie.

## THE COTTON FAMILY.

In the group opposite, Thomas Cotton, senr., whose father before him owned and rode races in the early days of Otago, is taken with his three sons, Thomas, Victor and Edward. Thomas is the taller of the two standing, and Edward is the one seated. Cotton, senr., has served a long apprenticeship to racing, and is now in his 47th year. It was in the early sixties that he commenced riding on the Ocean Beach at Dunedin, and on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh a mare called Queen of Trumps ran away with him. He was then about ten years old. On returning to the course, His Royal Highness gave Cotton one sovereign and a word or two of encouragement. Since that time Cotton has been continuously riding and training horses either for flat, hurdle, or trotting events, and has won a good many races of each description. He was on Catapult when that gelding won the Forbury Handicap as long back as 1871, when he rode 6st. 5lb. Amongst the best that he has had through his hands were Wolsley, by Sir Garnet, and Johnny Faa, by Trefoil; and the best of the jumpers Garibaldi, Trapper, and Little John, who were mostly ridden by his brother James, he being really the jumping race-rider of the family. Cotton votes Bed of Stone and General Standish as amongst the best of the trotting horses he has had to do with.

## THOMAS COTTON, Junr.

Thomas Cotton, junr., has done a lot of race-riding on the flat and over hurdles, and has ridden and driven in trotting races with success also. For a time before going to Auckland he was looking after that good mare Lady Lillian, and was associated with her in several of her victories. He is now training horses in the Auckland district.

**VICTOR COTTON**

**Aged 15, a Capable Exponent of Sloan.**

## VICTOR COTTON.

Victor Cotton, who is one of the group on a preceding page, but whose photo. appears opposite, started riding before he was in his twelfth year, and has been riding three years. His first win was on the pony Goetzir at the Thames, and he has earned the right to be styled the best light-weight who has adopted the crouching seat in New Zealand. His successes on Jewellery helped to place Mr. T. W. Armitage at the head of the list of winning owners in the season of 1903-4, in which year he was one of Auckland's prominent light-weights; and during the past season his record of winning achievements has increased, considerably over thirty races having been added to the list, a good many of them being important ones. Amongst the winners he has ridden are Kamo at two years old, Jewellery at Takapuna, Hawera and Wanganui, De la Rey in the Midsummer Handicap at Christchurch, Chryseis in the Lyttelton Plate, Tercelet in the Nelson Cup and Wellington Handicap, Hydrant in the Autumn Stakes at Manawatu, Akarana in the Nursery and Victoria Handicaps at Avondale, Gweniad in the Victoria A.R.C. Handicap, Quarryman in the Wanganui Cup and Thomson Handicap, Wellington, Strathavon in the Takapuna and Avondale Cups, besides many other winners in different parts of the colony North and South. For the season of 1904-5 he stands at the head of winning jockeys licensed in the Auckland district. He has ridden on more courses than any of the Auckland horsemen.

## EDWARD COTTON.

Edward, or, as he is known, Teddy, Cotton, has been riding for three seasons, and has won with limited opportunities a number of races, chiefly on country racecourses. He is the light-weight of the family, and can go to scale at under 6st.

**FRED JONES**

**A Successful Young Horseman.**

## FRED. JONES.

One of the best-behaved and capable light-weight riders we have in New Zealand is Fred. Jones, who was apprenticed to Mr. R. J. Mason, private trainer to Mr. Stead, when fourteen years old. He was born in Christchurch in December, 1885, and before he was fifteen had his first ride, after nine months' service, on Field Rose, but it was not until seven months later that he experienced the pleasure of winning a race in public. This was on the flyer Menschikoff, in the Juvenile Plate, and it was the first victory achieved by Stepniak's handsome son, who had been beaten on the Saturday preceding by his relative Indian Queen in the Welcome Stakes, his first race, upon whom he now turned the tables. After riding Field Battery into second place in the Spring Nursery Handicap, which was that colt's second race, he rode Menschikoff home first in the Electric Plate, in which the distance was covered in 47⅗ secs., Indian Queen and Goldspur being behind him. Goldspur started a warm favourite. On the concluding day of that meeting he also rode Field Battery home first in the Pioneer Handicap, the five furlongs being run in 60 secs. Royal Artillery and Cruciform also ran in that race. Master Fred. has good reason to remember with satisfaction the Jubilee Meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club, for it was then he came suddenly into prominence. Since that time he has ridden a number of winners of important events, including the Canterbury Cup on Menschikoff, Wellington Cup on Gladsome, Wellington Handicap on Pallas, C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap on General Symons, Great Northern Derby on Gladsome, three Auckland Plates on Cruciform (twice) and Gladsome (once), the Jackson Stakes on Machine Gun, Hawke's Bay Stakes on Cruciform, A.R.C. Royal Stakes on King Log, Ashburton County Stakes on Cruciform, and a number of minor races. Jones appreciates the tuition he has received at the hands of Mr. Mason, and is not likely to suffer from swelled head over his successes, and he is certainly a pattern to many in his conduct, and a favcurite with the people. As he is a handy weight, his career as a jockey should be one of usefulness and profit. Few horsemen have ridden so many good horses as he has done during his apprenticeship—Menschikoff, Gladsome, Machine Gun, Cruciform, and Pallas are a very distinctive quintette.

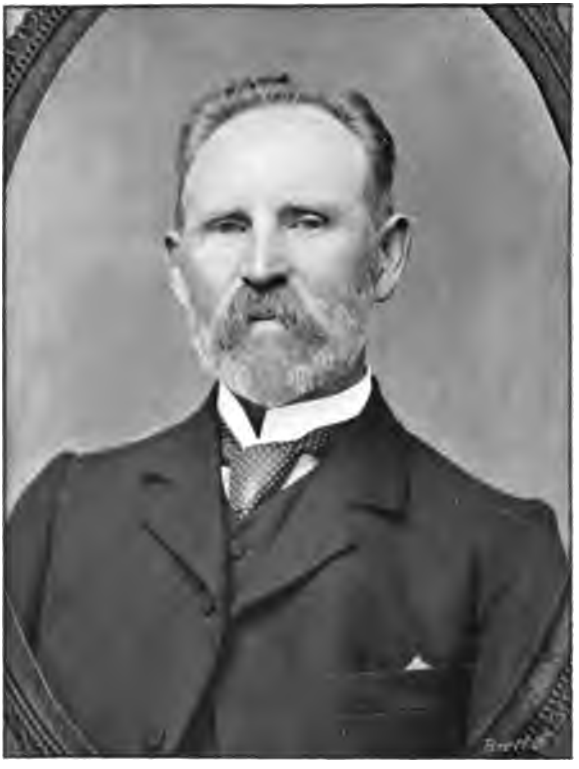
JOHN PINE
WILLIAM PINE THOMAS PINE
JAMES PINE GEORGE PINE

## THE PINE FAMILY.

The group on the opposite page is that of the five brothers Pine, a family of horsemen, since all have been successful either in riding or training. George, the youngest of the five, and apprentice to his brother William, having, during the past season, shown to advantage in a few races he has ridden; while James has been riding for several seasons.

It was William Pine who piloted Gipsy Grand to victory in the Dunedin Cup and Forbury Handicaps, and who won the Dunedin Cup on Tempest, and the Dunedin J.C. Handicap on Outpost, besides winning many other races of less importance.

John Pine has been even a more conspicuous figure than William, and his light weight has secured him many good mounts, so that for several seasons he was well up the winning list. Amongst the important races he has won may be mentioned the Wellington Cup and Dunedin Cup on Djin Djin, the Wanganui Guineas on Windwhistle, the Hawke's Bay Guineas on Golden Vein, the Dunedin J.C. Handicap on Cannie Chiel, the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes on To-morrow, and the C.J.C. Champagne on Treadmill. All five brothers are located in Canterbury.



**Mr. JOSEPH AMES**
**A Wellington-Wairarapa Totalisator Proprietor.**

## MR. JOSEPH AMES.

Mr. Joseph Ames, of Wellington, is one of the totalisator proprietors in New Zealand who have had a large patronage from racing clubs, and given general satisfaction. He has been connected with the business since the year Administrator won the Island Bay Gold Cup, and acts for the whole of the Wairarapa Valley Clubs, with the exception of the Martinborough and Lower Valley Clubs. On the West Coast of the North Island he acts for the Otaki, Horowhenua, Manawatu and Ashhurst Racing Clubs, and also for the Marlborough Racing Club and the Wellington Racing Club, from which it will be gathered that he does an extensive business. For many years Mr. Ames was an active member of the Wellington Racing Club.

**Mr. FRANK NEYLON**
**A Wanganui Totalisator Proprietor.**

## MR. FRANK NEYLON.

Mr. Frank Neylon, of the firm of Neylon and Spriggens, totalisator proprietors, came to New Zealand from Ireland during the time of the Franco-Prussian war, but before finally settling down in Wanganui followed a sea-faring life for about three years, making two trips Home on the ship Electra, and also one to Calcutta. It was a few years later that he entered the service of Messrs. Hill and Poole, of Wanganui, as a totalisator clerk and assistant, and as that firm, from the time the co-operative system of speculation came into existence in New Zealand, worked up a large connection with the racing clubs along the West Coast of the North Island, often having to cater for more than one on the same date, Mr. Neylon was one of their right-hand men, and continued in the service until the death of Mr. J. Poole, and later on the death of Mr. Frank Hill, then joining Mr. George Spriggens, who had also been one of the firm's assistants in partnership, which still exists. The large number of clubs for which Mr. Neylon and his partner, whose biography appears on a later page, have acted, and still continue to act, is proof of their business capacity, reliability, and popularity. Like his partner, Mr. Neylon has abstained from owning and racing horses, and has made it a hard and fast rule never to invest money on the totalisator, or in any other way, upon the chances of horses, a course which has not always been pursued in this colony by those who have controlled the totalisators of the colony.

**Mr. GEORGE SPRIGGENS**
**A Wanganui Totalisator Proprietor.**

## MR. GEORGE SPRIGGENS.

Mr. George Spriggens, the well-known totalisator proprietor of the West Coast, whose photo. appears opposite, was born in Heatford, Essex, England, in the year 1863, and arrived in Wanganui with his parents some thirty-one years ago, so he can almost claim to be a Wanganui boy. His early connection with racing was with the old firm of Messrs. Hill and Poole, and after the death of these two gentlemen he joined in partnership with Mr. F. Naylon, and took over the firm's business, which has been running under the style of Naylon and Spriggens with much success. George Spriggens' name has been connected with all kindred sports for a long time, and he was a successful athlete himself about 25 years ago, and still takes a great interest in all out-door sports, especially football. To show his popularity amongst the players, he is in the proud position at the present time of being President of the Wanganui Rugby Union, President of the Pirate Football Club, Vice-President of the Kaierau Football Club, Vice-President of the Wanganui Amateur Boxing Association, President of the Wanganui Cosmopolitan Club (one of the best and most up-to-date clubs in the colony), President of the Association of Chartered Clubs of New Zealand. He has also been a member of the Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade for 21 years, and at the present time is lieutenant of that noble corps, besides being a member of Wanganui Volunteers, the Bowling, Swimming, and Rowing Clubs, and many such institutions.

**Mr. Wm. F. JAMES**

**Of James Bros., Totalisator Proprietors and Manufacturers.**

**Mr. H. D. JAMES**
**Of James Bros., Totalisator Proprietors.**

## MR. WM. F. JAMES.

Mr. Wm. F. James, of the firm of James Bros., who are well-known totalisator proprietors in the South Island of New Zealand, is a mechanical engineer, and for the past six years has been engaged designing gold dredges and cable tramway work as consulting engineer and first assistant to Messrs. Cutten Bros., of Dunedin. For some years previously he was engineer to the New Zealand and Union Steam Shipping Companies.

## MR. H. D. JAMES.

Mr. H. D. James, who is a compositor by trade, is at the present time, and has been for some years, manager of the *Grey River Argus*, Greymouth, and is a brother to Mr. W. F. James, and a partner in the firm of James Bros., who have contracts with so many Southern racing clubs for working the totalisators at their meetings, they having taken over the business of their late father, whom they assisted when the totalisators were first introduced into the colony. The West Coast meetings of the South Island are managed by Mr. H. D. James, while his brother looks after the meetings in Canterbury and Otago.

## Messrs. W. F. and H. D. JAMES.

The Messrs. James have received high encomiums from the press for the way in which they conduct their business, and that they have proved very smart operators results go to show. With one machine they put through £9,436 in two days at the Greymouth meeting in 1897—a record—since which time they have used two machines. The advantages of the new machine over the old are, that the levers are worked from the front in full view of the investors, and the numbers stand out clear, being large black figures on a white ground, and can be read a long distance away. The mechanism is decidedly simple and extremely light, and the efficiency of the workers has been cause for favourable comment wherever they have been employed; they do the work for quite a large number of clubs, both on the West Coast, in Southland, Otago, and Canterbury. Amongst the clubs they act for are the Greymouth Jockey Club, Reefton Jockey Club, Reefton and Westport Trotting Club, Winton J.C., Gore R.C., Southland R.C., Wyndham, Wairio, Riverton, Maniatoto, and Geraldine Clubs. The machines they use, both on the West Coast and further South, are designed and manufactured by Mr. Wm. F. James, and one 15-horse machine has been used at meetings, and something like £120,000 invested through its agency without once going wrong; it has been taken by rail, waggon and boat all over the South Island. A photo. of one of these machines will be found elsewhere in these pages. The brothers James are deservedly popular and smart business men.

**Mr. WILLIAM LYONS**
**Metallician, Cueist, Bowler and Horse-owner.**

# MR. WILLIAM LYONS.

A familiar figure is that of Mr. Lyons, who landed in Auckland as a lad, and started in business there, in conjunction with Mr. R. Blaikie, the firm some time later becoming first bookmaking members of Auckland Tattersall's. A love for horses soon led to owning some, and the most notable were Petroleum (half-brother to Hotchkiss), Catesby (own brother in blood to Trenton), Woodpecker (a Wanganui-bred hurdle and flat horse), Lonehand (the great grey Australian 'chaser, who carried the late Tom Corrigan to victory five times, but who, singularly, was unreliable in the hands of other horsemen, and grievously disappointed several New Zealand owners). Too Soon, from Hermit's half-sister, Steppe, so named through being foaled on the 28th July, was a good one, and was taken to Sydney with Manton's half-sister Queenie. The Trugonia Stakes at Williamstown, Victoria, and Carrington Stakes, over which Mr. Lyons had big wins, were won by Too Soon, who, when backed for a large stake for the Newmarket, broke down on the eve of the race, was parted with for 650 sovs., and dropped dead some time afterwards. The champion 14-hand ponies Mayflower and Secret, and the crack 14.1 pony Cambria, all Aucklanders, put up some remarkable performances, were well backed, and did Mr. Lyons much service; but the last-named, through getting kicked at the post, just missed landing for his owner the big bet of £2,000 to £500. It would have taken more than four such losses to have placed Cambria on the debit side; but Brown Bess and Nannie, a pair of unreliable ones, between them cost their owner well over £3,000. Martini-Henry and Carbine's Melbourne Cups, the St. Michael and Cruciform and Siege Gun and Orloff Auckland Railway and Cup Handicap doubles, meant heaviest settlings for Mr. Lyons. He has been a layer and backer in turn, and would have been a big receiver had The Grafter not been beaten by Gaulus in the Melbourne Cup; also had Carnage prevailed over Tarcoola. When Ensign defeated Carbine in the V.R.C. Derby, Mr. Lyons had £5,000 about Carbine and Mentor.

An ardent lover of bowls, Mr. Lyons played for City Club, Sydney, against Victoria, and with a team from Auckland Bowling Club, of which he has been some years a member, won the gold medals at Rotorua Tournament in 1904.

As a cueist, won Randwick Bowling Club Tournament, Auckland and Sydney Tattersall's Clubs' Tournaments in 1903, the last event from 75 behind; also a five-ball tournament, making a break of 325, three hundred off the red, each score counting one. Was runner-up in 1901 for the Amateur Championship of New

**Mr. ROBERT BLAIKIE**
**Turf Commission Agent and Horse-owner.**

South Wales; also second in Sydney Tattersall's the same year, and has played with all the colonial and visiting English champions.

## MR. R. BLAIKIE.

Mr. Robert Blaikie, the subject of this sketch, is an old resident of Auckland, having arrived in the early seventies from the island continent of Australia in the barque "Novelty," Captain Nearing, and was employed for some time in business in Auckland; but his early-developed sporting instincts were too strong, and he gradually drifted to the racecourse side, relinquishing commercial pursuits almost entirely until ultimately establishing his turf commission agency business, which he has carried on successfully for over thirty years, he being one of the first to enter upon that line in the Auckland province. Mr. Blaikie has done his share towards providing fields on metropolitan, suburban, and country courses in the Auckland province, and for upwards of twenty years has had his colours unfurled almost every season, and during part of the time in our sister colonies, New South Wales and Victoria, in conjunction with Mr. W. Lyons, in whose biography reference is made at greater length to some of the horses. Mr. Blaikie is decidedly of opinion that Too Soon was much the best, and Enfield absolutely the worst, he ever had to do with the footing of training bills for.

The genial Robert is now on the wrong side of fifty, but still continues to hold his own with younger rivals in business, of which he commands a large share. During his long connection with the turf in New Zealand, Mr. Blaikie has had some hard knocks, one of the worst being when Lochiel won the New Zealand Cup, and almost completely broke every member of the Southern ring. The other memorable occasion was when "Old Jack" Carbine captured the Melbourne Cup under the crushing impost of 10st. 5lb. When Martini-Henry, another Auckland-bred colt, won the V.R.C. Derby and Cup, havoc was caused amongst pencillers this side of the Tasman Sea. Mr. Blaikie and his then partner, Mr. Lyons, were heavy subscribers to the B.P. each time, but were always to be found "at the corner." He is one of those who have been longest contributing in fees to the Auckland Racing Club, and is quite content to work side by side with the totalisator, which he is desirous of seeing maintained. Nearly all New Zealand bookmakers are much of the same opinion as the Auckland metallician.

**Mr. ROBERT CLELAND**
**Turf Commission Agent.**

## MR. ROBERT CLELAND.

Born in 1862, in Hertford, England, Mr. Cleland, at the age of 18, decided upon trying his fortune in New Zealand, and obtained employment soon after arriving in the general store of Mitchelson Bros., Dargaville, and after two years took to bush life, timber-cutting and jacking for four years. He then returned to England, but was back within twelve months, and on the gumfields at Mercury Bay, where, as a tree-climber, he made money, and, as is the wont of gumsellers, went to town at Christmas, and by chance fell in with Mr. R. Hume, and was induced to act as his clerk at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting of 1889-90. A liberty taken with Leopold, who won the Auckland Cup, and a further run of bad luck, literally broke the head of the firm, and Mr. Cleland elected to give some of his gum money a run in a partnership, which went on with a fair amount of success, Wide-awake, a Taranaki hurdler, being a factor thereto. Unwise speculation brought about a dissolution, and Mr. Cleland, full of energy, and with hope renewed, after six months' hard work, had put together a clear century from further gum-getting, and went into betting on his own account, and found it prosperous. He then tried Melbourne, thinking there would be a better field, but found competition too keen, and returned to Auckland in 1895, taking Mr. Dan McLeod into a partnership, which succeeded, but did not last long, Sabretache, whom the firm sent to Sydney, being a good horse but unlucky. Mr. Cleland has made big books and had some fairly large settlings, the heaviest, £3,000 each time over St. Michael and Cruciform and Siege Gun and Orloff, Auckland Cup and Stewards' double winners; £2,400 when Halberdier won the New Zealand Cup; £1,000 over the Voltigeur and Cavaliero, Moifaa and Coeur de Lion, Bluejacket and Renown; and from £500 to £1,000 frequently over other doubles. Still, he admits that he has had his share of luck, for when Halberdier was reported slightly amiss he took back a good part of the money he had laid, and on several occasions has got completely out, as he did over the last New Zealand Grand National. Again, when Ideal dead-heated with Fulmen in the New Zealand Cup, he laid £1,000 to her owner, but having a fancy for her outside his book, took £1,500 to £75 about that little mare, and built his snug "Ideal Villa" at Northcote, Lake Takapuna, with his winnings.

**Mr. CHARLES PHILPOT**
**Turf Commission Agent.**

## MR. CHARLES PHILPOT.

Like Mr. Joe. Thompson, recognised and referred to for many years before taking up business in England as "King of the Ring" in Australia, the subject of this sketch served a number of years at sea, but, unlike that remarkably adventurous man, it cannot be said of Mr. Philpot that he became sick of the briny, and, leaving his ship, transferred himself into an empty water tub, and was wafted by a fair wind and favouring tide to a safe landing-place; neither was Mr. Philpot shipwrecked, and he has never aspired to the title or desired to be looked upon as a big man in the betting world. He is content to lay claim to having become the first of the members of Auckland Tattersall's Club to put on the bag and adopt the role of a cash fielder at meetings in the province. He made his start in that way with an old sporting *confrere,* Mr. Neville Forder ("Boxer Major"), now in Australia, and has always had books on leading New Zealand events from his first connection with the sport. Charlie Philpot is well-known and respected, and tells of some of his early-day experiences with evident pleasure, though some of them, when he tempted fortune and went for a good win, were not attended with success. Excepting when interested for a while in a small team with Mr. Blaikie, Mr. Philpot did not indulge in what some people regard as the luxury of owning racehorses, though to his old favourite Sepoy, who is a life pensioner, living on all the fat that land can produce, he owes the main foundation of his business, for that old horse gave him a good lift along at the right time, which is fondly remembered, as Sepoy has a good home for the rest of his days. Mr. Philpot, early in his racing career, made what proved a lucky purchase. A broken-down hunter called Toby was being sold, and, by way of a joke, he outbid a friend, and Toby became his property for the large sum of £3 12s. 6d. A fortnight later Toby won a race, and landed quite a parcel for his new-found owner. Mr. Philpot has been a member of Auckland Tattersall's Committee, and has always been in evidence in organising and carrying out social programmes which have contributed to the pleasure of members and friends of the institution.

**Mr. J. LOUGHLIN**
**Horseman, Owner, Bookmaker.**

# MR. J. LOUGHLIN.

There are not many horsemen who take to bookmaking, and it was not for a long time that the subject of this sketch decided upon following up turf commission agency business, prior to which, however, he tried several lines of business, and each with success. It was in 1882 that he commenced riding for Mr. M. Sherwin, at Waimate, and for that owner he rode Quibble, Mokarakara, Freetrader, Viking, Red Cliff, and others. For Mr. Dan O'Brien he rode Gaiters, Rubina, and Tasmania; for Mr. T. Quill, Archduke and Princess Royal; for Mr. G. G. Stead, Marion; for Mr. Butler, Talebearer; for Mr. Hobbs, Jack; for Mr. Boyle, Vanity Fair; for Mr. H. Goodman, Apropos and Billy; for Mr. M. Lyons, First Lord; for Messrs. Stephenson and Hazlett, Ouida, dam of Skirmisher, Captain Webster, and Taiaroa; for Mr. J. Poole, Rebel; for Mr. E. Smith, Garibaldi; for the Hon. G. McLean, Lady Emma; and for the Taggarts—father and son—and for Mr. Fleming, and many other owners, including Mr. Tom Kett, owner of the much-raced Stockfish, and Count, a trotter, who cannot be left out, for that horse was one of many trotters Loughlin trained and rode.

It may not be generally known that for several seasons Loughlin held the leading place, having ridden more winners than any other horseman in this colony, but chiefly at the goldfields meetings he ran up his score of winning achievements, and in only a few of the big races did he have rides. Not only did he head the list of winning jockeys, but, getting together some useful horses, he put up a fine score of wins with horses he was the registered owner of, and got dangerously near the top of the list of winning owners, his winnings topping those of owners he had been riding for at various times. With Don Pedro he won the Dunedin Birthday Handicap, and he landed a £46 dividend on the Forbury course with that horse. He took La Rose to Melbourne, won a lot of races with the brilliant Goldspur, including the C.J.C. Easter Handicap, the Railway and Electric Handicaps at Wellington, in the last event having the mount himself. This was the last race he rode. Rothamstead, Windsor, and Aldershot were some of the horses he raced himself, but many people are of opinion to-day that Goldspur was far and away the best he ever had through his hands. Loughlin says not. He gives the palm to the sturdy St. George horse Mount Royal, from Sierra. "The best of the lot," he says, when referring to that horse, and gives sound reasons, which need not be gone into here. After giving ownership a rest, Mr. Loughlin took an hotel at Invercargill, and did very well, but sold out and took to his present line of business, and the "rudest shock" he has had was from one

**Mr. ALFRED ADAMS**
**A Young Auckland Penciller.**

punter who, over Acrasia's Melbourne Cup victory, and sundry other wins about the same time, relieved his banking account of £1,700. Trying to win a Gisborne man's sovereign by tempting him with an offer of £250 to that amount over Medallius and Moccasin for the New Zealand Grand National double, was an expensive, though not a serious, experiment.

## MR. ALFRED ADAMS.

Mr. Adams is one of, if not the youngest professional member of Auckland Tattersall's Club. He has certainly been one of the lucky and successful ones, due to prompt attention to business, personal popularity, and a knowledge gained of racing through a fondness for it and experience obtained while assisting his father, Mr. L. Adams, one of the first identified with the totalisator in this colony, and whose business took him to racecourses throughout the Auckland province, and frequently further afield. "Born in the leather" might not inappropriately be said, though facetiously, of Mr. Adams, for his father was at the time a well-known saddler, and supplied racehorse furnishings to sportsmen of the Auckland district, wherein men of keen sporting instincts have always had opportunities of gratifying their inclinations, for there is no part of the colony more given up to the pursuit of racing and sport generally. Mr. Adams, when quite a boy, was looked upon as a perfect 'cyclopædia on sporting matters and pedigrees of horses, and is a close follower of form to-day; but he has the reputation of being a liberal purveyor of the odds, and prompt in all his dealings. Though very fond of horses, and very often pressed to join the ranks of horse-owners, he has studiously avoided launching out in that direction, and holds that it is better while following his present line of business not to do so. Mr. Adams is not an opponent of the totalisator, and, indeed, looks upon it with pleasurable feelings, as in reality it was the stepping-stone in his career.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting of 1904 was the worst Mr. Adams has experienced since he commenced business as a penciller. He is one of the few pencillers in the colony who have straight-out and double books on principal events running into four figures.

**Mr. MATTHEW BARNETT**
**Of Barnett & Grant, Bookmakers.**

**Mr. PETER GRANT**
**Of Barnett & Grant, Bookmakers.**

## MR. M. BARNETT.

Mr. M. Barnett left school at the age of between thirteen and fourteen years, and started life as a photographer's apprentice, but in a fortnight's time was displeased with the work, and got employment in the *Guardian* Office, and later on with the *Otago Daily Times*, spending about five years on those papers, after which he took service in the country, and for four years did harvesting, shearing, and general farm work in Otago and South Canterbury, eventually reaching Oamaru, and leasing the Star and Garter Billiard Rooms. There he got his first lessons in betting and racing, his first venture being a small double on the Kakanui Handicap and Flying, Mr. O. R. Wise sharing in the undertaking. After that he went to Dunedin and started on his own account, but Lochiel came along and won the N.Z. Cup, and bookmaking for a time thereafter was nearly extinct in New Zealand. Going to Melbourne, he took a tram conductor's position for a few months, and then did a little betting on the Hill at Flemington and suburban meetings. Returning to New Zealand about 1901-2, he joined Mr. Ben. Curtis, and met with reasonable success for eighteen months. At that time his brother Tom and Mr. Peter Grant were working together, and he joined them. The "long firm," as the trinity were called, lasted six months, the success of Vogengang and Clanranald at the Wellington meeting practically settling the firm, which was dissolved, each going on his own account for a time.

# MR. PETER GRANT.

The subject of this notice barely escaped the honour of being a Scotchman, for after a hurried journey across the border in the year 1864 his parents had just time to settle down in Carlisle when he first saw the light. Before he had reached the age of ten years, Newcastle, Hexham, Stockton, Darlington, and other centres had been visited, and finally Bradford, in Yorkshire, where his parents remained until 1877, when, attracted no doubt by the glowing accounts of prosperity in New Zealand, they took ship and sailed for the "Long White Cloud." On the day following their arrival in New Zealand employment on a farm at Oamaru was found for young Peter, but his stay thereon was of short duration. As grocer's assistant, driving a cart was his next role, but attempts to break road records with his employer's horse brought trouble, and he was put into a boot factory, an occupation he had no particular liking for. A fire demolished the building and terminated the engagement. There was something more attractive in the blacksmithing trade, at which he served five years, after which he started to travel, and he claims to have explored the Waitaki from its head waters to its source, visiting station after station during the four weeks' tramp in search of a job. Finally he reached Benmore, where he spent two seasons shearing and harvesting. He, however, returned to the boot business in an Oamaru factory, and went on to Dunedin to take up a similar position, but friction with the Bootmakers' Union, owing to his not having served a regular apprenticeship, resulted in his severance of all connection with the Knights of St. Crispin. Having shown fair form as a pedestrian on the cinder path, he did a circuit of the athletic gatherings about Dunedin with sufficiently encouraging results that he journeyed North to the Wairarapa, Wellington and Blenheim gatherings, and, after plenty of hard work, found his capital account not much increased.

Up to this time the subject of racing and betting with Mr. Grant had been a sealed book, but when back in Dunedin again visits were paid to local race meetings, invariably with disastrous results, and he wound up a pebbly-beached punter after one more memorable meeting than the rest, and trudging home from the Forbury resolved to leave for the future the absorbing search for winners to those with more of the gift of second sight than he had been able to develop, and become a bookmaker. In due course a partnership was arranged with Mr. J. Paton, and a start was made on the old Taieri racecourse. The careful students of form there were not very enthusiastic in their patronage, and Grant concluded that their Scottish forbears had transmitted more than a trifle of native caution to their descendants.

He, however, did not have to walk home on this occasion. Pique's unexpected win in the Publicans' Handicap at Dunedin helped to improve the firm's business, but a dissolution took place some time later, and for a time Mr. Grant joined forces with Mr. Geo. Campbell, and later on with Mr. T. Barnett, an old-established member of the Dunedin ring. It was soon after this that Mr. M. Barnett joined the firm, and business, hitherto confined to local patronage, was extended; but a sequence of bad meetings followed, and when Kent, Clanranald and Vogengang won at Wellington the culminating point was reached, and backers had left the firm with very little to divide.

## Messrs. BARNETT and GRANT.

The partnership of Barnett and Grant came about in this way: Grant had been disqualified during the pleasure of the stewards for refusing to leave a racecourse when ordered to do so. Barnett had been disqualified for a similar cause for life, but had had the disqualification removed, and so offered to bank £25 with Grant and bet for one meeting on their joint account. A win of about £100 resulted, and with this sum Barnett went to Oamaru to bet on that particular meeting, Grant taking the £50 to bet in Dunedin; and so they went on from meeting to meeting, and though they have paid large sums to lawyers from time to time since, they have never had a formal agreement of partnership drawn up. In their first year they made money running into thousands, and reckoned they were on their way to a colossal fortune; but just as quickly troublous times set in, and at the end of their second year they were back to where they started from, or, as a matter of fact, with less after they had settled their losses, Strathbraan's win in the Manawatu Handicap on February 7th, 1896, being the worst for them up to that time. On that day Mr. P. Grant married. From that time they won consistently for months, and the proverbial "long lane" was then reached. Sufficient capital was won to start a branch in Christchurch, but it was twelve months before it became self-supporting, and repeated calls were made on the Dunedin branch, which was more than holding its end up. Then the Christchurch branch, under the charge of Barnett, took up the running, and had to assist the Southern one, the fates decreeing that both branches were not to be prosperous at the same time. Goldspur, Blazer, and St. Denis in turn were born into this world alive, and time after time by their victories cut holes into the firm's banking accounts worse than any other public favourites. The best wins the firm had on individual races were on Lady Zetland's N.Z. Cup and Canterbury Cup. They stood Lady Zetland until the last week, and had an extensive double

as well on the N.Z. Cup and Melbourne Cup. After Newhaven had won the Melbourne Cup they had a greater liability on Euroclydon for the New Zealand Cup than was pleasing to think of, and they tried to back Euroclydon with all the other books; but it was no use, and then they tried their clients who had backed the double, but in only one instance were they offered a chance to hedge. A client who had £200 to £1 the double offered to accept £100 for his bet. As a resource they tried to lay all the other horses, and Lady Zetland was the one most people wanted. They laid about £1,000 against her, and that meant the difference between a moderate and a royal win. On individual races, they have most cause to remember losses over Skobeleff in the Grandstand Handicap at Auckland, Goyt in the Stewards' Stakes at Napier Park, and, the worst of all, Ballarat's win on the 2nd January, 1904, at Rangitikei. Amongst their best wins were over two races Magnificent won at a C.J.C. meeting, and when Advance was beaten in Australia, and when Aurum was beaten in the V.R.C. Derby. Over their set books, Messrs. Barnett and Grant informed the editor that they have never had any sensational wins or losses, but have had two fairly good wins over the C.J.C. double of Cup and Stewards'—Pampero in 1900, and Vladimir in 1902, both bred by the Hon. George McLean, being their lucky horses in the short race. Their biggest doubles have been over the New Zealand Grand National meeting, and not since Dummy and Umslopogaas won in 1897 have they escaped laying the winning combination; and it is a fact that on every occasion the favourite double on their books scored against them until 1893, when they had their biggest book, £2,500, and a good profit. On each of Pipi's three essays they stood that horse, and would have had big wins had he scored. Over their Easter and Autumn Handicap doubles they had only one skinner; that was when Cannonshot and Goldleaf won.

Reference to the firm of Barnett and Grant would not be complete without mentioning that they have experienced many encounters with the majesty of the law. At Oamaru they were ordered to leave the course and refused. Grant was arrested and taken to the lock-up. Barnett went to the Police Station to offer bail, and succeeded in getting his partner liberated, but says he believes it was touch and go whether his bail would be accepted or whether he would be put in with his mate, who was next day fined £10. Though it was a public reserve upon which the alleged trespass took place, the firm have never had that "tenner" refunded. They have been ordered off many racecourses since, and had to fight racing officials in the law courts at great expense, but have won what they believed to be their rights, to go on public reserves.

**Mr. ROBERT PATTERSON**
**A Wellington Metallician and Owner.**

## MR. ROBERT PATTERSON.

Mr. Robert Patterson, of Wellington, is one of the best-known horse owners and pencillers there. He was born in Melbourne in 1860, and came with his parents to New Zealand about four years later. He has been engaged in racing pursuits for several years. The best horse he raced up to the time Solution started winning was the chestnut colt Ringman, by Castor from Bangle, and others that have carried his colours are Ringlet, Dr. Bill, Waiwhera and Matuku, all winners. The best races he has won are the Winter Cup, in Canterbury, in 1902, with Waiwhera, beating the largest field that has ever gone out for a race in New Zealand, viz., twenty-four; the Manawatu and Hawke's Bay Cups, July Steeplechase, Bennett Memorial Stakes at Napier, and the August Handicap; but Solution, after winning at two years old on two occasions, came out, and during the season of 1904-5 put up some good performances, for besides winning several handicaps, she came out at the Wellington Anniversary Meeting and won the Metropolitan Handicap and the classic Wellington Stakes on the same afternoon. Mr. Patterson for some time had J. W. Lowe training for him, and later on H. Goodman, but after the Wellington meeting in January, 1905, he leased Solution and decided upon relinquishing ownership for a time. While racing there were few better supporters of the clubs, and he made a good many purchases at the Auckland sales.

**Mr. JAMES BECKETT**
**A Member of Auckland Tattersall's.**

## MR. JAMES BECKETT.

Mr. James Beckett was born and educated in Sydney, where he was for some time in the office of H. E. Shorter and Sons, solicitors, and for two years junior chief clerk in the commercial department of the Sydney *Evening News,* after which he joined his brother, Mr. R. Beckett, in contracting work, and became interested in horse-racing. He was always fond of athletics. At running, jumping, cricket, and boxing he was a fair all-round exponent, and on two occasions beat Mr. J. H. Williams, a Carrington Handicap winner, one of the events being a match for £50 a-side, over 150 yards, both off the same mark.

Before coming to New Zealand, Mr. Beckett had an interest in a few horses, and has had a number since, chief of which may be mentioned Levanter, whom he purchased at auction in Auckland for 265 guineas, and sent to Sydney, where he won the two chief steeplechases in September, afterwards being sold to Captain Scott, of Ireland, for 400 guineas, for whom and Major Edwards he raced in England, being a creditable but unsuccessful, and a very unlucky performer in two Liverpool Grand National Steeplechases. Minerva, a galloway, by imported Metal, one of the very best mares of her inches in the colonies, was bought by Mr. Beckett for 300 guineas, and won two races in New Zealand, several races in Australia, and was sold for 450 guineas and taken to India. Lady Marion, who won a race in Sydney and a number of races in New Zealand, was a useful mare; but Lady Thornton was a disappointing performer. In conjunction with Mr. W. Lyons, Mr. Beckett purchased Kaimate, the 'chaser, who won for them a steeplechase at Randwick, and, after being sold, two cross-country events over Flemington, Victoria.

Mr. Beckett has been a member of New Zealand Tattersall's for over eleven years, and has been a successful backer at times; he is one of the few pencillers who dearly love a punt. He is a popular member of the New Zealand ring.

**Mr. A. CHAMPION**
**A Taranaki Penciller and Horse-owner.**

## MR. A. CHAMPION.

Mr. Champion, who is one of our best-known pencillers and horse owners, was born in Geelong, Victoria, and came to New Zealand in 1887. He soon afterwards entered upon his present line of business, and has owned and raced a few horses, notably Tukapa, Cavalry, and Full Cry. During the past eight years he has been resident at New Plymouth, and has been a regular visitor to Auckland meetings, and has for some years past been a member of Auckland Tattersall's Club. During the time Mr. Champion has been following racing in New Zealand he has also paid several visits to our sister colonies, and has cause to remember with satisfaction the victory of Grafnell and Marmont in the Grand National double of 1903. Mr. Champion, before winning the Century Hurdle Race at Wanganui with his gelding Cavalry, backed that gelding extensively coupled with a number of horses to win the North New Zealand double of Great Northern Hurdles and Great Northern Steeplechase, and as Kaitere, who won the last-named event, was the one supported to the greatest extent, had Cavalry succeeded instead of falling in the Hurdle Race, he would have won over £4,000. This is only mentioned to show that an owner fortunate enough to own horses good enough to win the double can win a good stake. It has been estimated that £10,000 can be won over the big Auckland jumping double from New Zealand pencillers, and even more on the New Zealand Grand National double.

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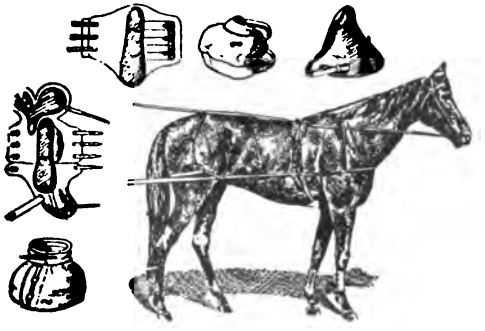

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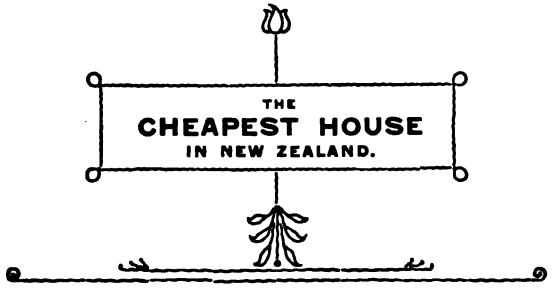


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## MR. T. WALKER.

Mr. Thomas James Walker, who has for many years past held the position of chief reporter to the *Dunedin Star,* has long been identified with sporting journalism; indeed, his first connection therewith dates back into the seventies. Tom Walker, as he is best known to a large circle of friends, was born early in the year 1851, and was a runner on the staff of *The New Zealander,* published in Auckland, and served an apprenticeship to the printing business on the Auckland *Herald,* and some time afterwards was employed in the same line, but not for a long time, in Wellington, prior to which time he had a spell at seafaring life. From Wellington he proceeded to Dunedin, and was soon found identifying himself with literary work; but about the time of the Palmer rush, like others who caught the gold fever, he betook himself to Australia, to return, however, and settle down in Dunedin. His annual racing statistics in the *Dunedin Star* were always looked forward to and read with the keenest interest, while his racing and coursing notes in the *Otago Witness* for many years, while he conducted its sporting columns, were always up-to-date, reliable, and marked by a characteristic sense of fairness. In conjunction with Mr. Whetham, son of an ex-Mayor of London, Mr. Walker brought out the first "Racing Calendar."

## MR. ALBERT COHEN.

Mr. A. E. Cohen has been connected with the literary staff of the *Dunedin Evening Star* for over 30 years, ever since he left the Otago Boys' High School, and succeeded Mr. F. G. Whetham as sporting editor of that paper, and for many years wrote under the name of "The Admiral." Mr. Cohen is the principal sub-editor of the *Star,* and has been its Parliamentary representative for over twenty years, and was Chairman of the Press Gallery from 1901 to 1903. At the close of the session of 1904, Mr. Cohen gave up Parliamentary work, and received a presentation from members of the gallery and from members of the House of Representatives.

## MR. S. SAUNDERS.

Mr. Sam. Saunders, editor of the *Lyttelton Times,* was for some years sub-editor of the *Star* in Christchurch, and sporting editor of the *Canterbury Times.* He is one of a family of practical horsemen, and his father, the late Mr. Alfred Saunders, long-time M.H.R., some few years ago published an instructive book on

**Mr. ARCHIE BRUCE**
**"Phaeton."**

**Mr. "GUS" COATES**
**An Erstwhile Sporting Correspondent.**

**Mr. A. WAY**
**"Turf."**

the horse and general management, while more than one of his brothers were conspicuous in the hunting field and in amateur contests between the flags. Many interesting reminiscences of old-time racing were published from the pen of Mr. Saunders during his connection with sporting journalism. Mr. Hugh Reeves, now editor of the *Star*, succeeded Mr. Saunders in the control of the sporting columns of the *Canterbury Times*. Mr. G. Bissett, Mr. T. H. Davey, M.H.R., and more recently Mr. Dickson, have been the sporting editors of that paper in turn since.

## MR. A. BRUCE.

Mr. "Archie" Bruce is one of the long-time, present-day writers on racing topics in New Zealand, having furnished the columns of the *New Zealand Herald* and *Auckland Weekly News* with their sporting literature for nearly twenty-five years, under the *nom de plume* of "Phaeton," and during the whole time has remained on the staff of the papers mentioned, besides contributing for other New Zealand and for Australian weekly journals. His writings have been marked by much originality, and his columns have shown that he has been a worker, making quite the most of local material, and at the same time keeping himself in touch with turf affairs outside.

## MR. GUS. COATES.

Mr. Coates has never been known as one of the regulars, or even as a literary hack, but he has nevertheless used the columns of at least a few papers that devote space to sporting matters to gratify his love for writing about the thoroughbred, and at one time there was no more regular visitor at the nurseries of the colony. Mr. Coates was corresponding with a number of papers on racing affairs generally, however, for some time, and no one saw more of the early-day meetings on the Southern goldfields, or can unfold more tales reminiscent of the hardships and drawbacks the racing battlers of those times had to put up with, when he can be drawn. Mr. Coates has given some attention to trotting in Auckland, and is a steward of the Auckland Trotting Club.

## MR. A. WAY.

Mr. A. Way, who writes under the *nom de plume* of "Turf," has been associated with the *Rangitikei Advocate* for fourteen years, during eight of which he has been contributing to its sporting column under the familiar name. As a tipster he is

**Mr. STEVE FREEMAN**
**"Fetlock."**

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**"Sentinel," Otago "Witness."**

**Mr. W. G. NIGHTINGALE**
**"The Squire."**

well known, and he attends the meetings of interest in his large sporting district. He is a keen "sport," and is always to the fore in all matters conducive to the welfare of Marton, holding positions on the Marton Park Football Club and School Committees, and is a Steward of the Marton Jockey Club, and Secretary and Handicapper for the progressive Marton Athletic Club.

## S. J. FREEMAN.

Mr. Steve Freeman was born in London, and came to this colony in 1861, landing at Lyttelton, but later on went to Hawke's Bay, and attended school there. As long back as 1865 he rode in races with D. and J. Munn on what was known as the Little Beach at Napier, and remembers the inaugural meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, when Jenny Lind won the Cup. Mr. Freeman, who writes under the *nom de plume* of "Fetlock," has been sporting editor to the Hawke's Bay *Herald* for about twenty-seven years, and for some years contributed to the sporting columns of the *Referee*. In the year 1882, when Louie paid the sensational dividend of £259, Mr. Freeman picked that filly to win, and invested £1 on the outside machine, for which he received £43. She had previously during the day just lasted home in the Maiden Plate, and, so goes the story, was only started to gratify the wish of a prominent resident in Napier. As the horses were going to the post a then prominent owner laid £100 to an apple against Mr. McLean's mare.

## MR. W. HAYES.

Mr. Hayes, who has been editing the sporting columns of the *Otago Witness* for some few years past, was born in Otago, and has always taken an interest in sporting matters. He attends all the meetings of any note in Otago and Canterbury in the interests of his paper, and travels a great deal during each racing season, so that few horses racing in those parts escape his notice. Though a comparatively new man in sporting journalism, Mr. Hayes has made his mark.

## MR. W. G. NIGHTINGALE.

Mr. Nightingale, who has for some time past edited the sporting columns of the *Daily Telegraph*, Napier, and whose *nom de plume* is "The Squire," made his *debut* as a writer on turf topics in the columns of the *Waipawa Mail* nearly eleven years ago, but as long back as 1874 wrote as "Peeping Tom" for the *Otago Daily Times* on pedestrian events. He has for a number of years furnished weekly articles on racing to several papers in New Zealand. "The Squire" plays from a long suit when deal-

**Mr. A. P. IZETT**
**"Multiform."**

**Mr. W. CORBY**
**"Achilles."**

**Mr. TIM JEWELL**
**"Geraint."**

ing with pedigrees, and is known amongst his intimates as "The Pedigree King." He has had an interest in several horses, a notable one being Moonee, who once paid the sensational dividend of £132. Mr. Nightingale served his time to the saddlery business in Dunedin with the late Mr. George Dowse, long-time handicapper in Otago. He won a number of foot races on the old Caledonian Grounds in King Street, Dunedin, as a youth, and has always taken a keen interest in sport. Mr. William Nightingale, of Skipton, Yorkshire, his grandfather, was voted one of the best coursing judges in England, having judged at eighteen Waterloo meetings in twenty-one years. Mr. Nightingale acts as Secretary to the Waipukurau Racing Club.

## MR. A. P. IZETT.

Mr. A. P. Izett, who has written under the *nom de plume* of "Multiform" in the *Wanganui Chronicle* during the last five years, is a well-known member of the literary staff of that journal. Besides being an authority upon district turf matters, Mr. Izett has charge of the football and general sporting columns of that paper. He is an expert black-and-white artist and caricaturist, and his cartoons are familiar to readers of illustrated papers all over the colonies.

## MR. W. CORBY.

Mr. Corby has been associated with journalism for some years, but has only undertaken the duties of a sporting correspondent comparatively recently. Items of turf gossip by "Achilles" in the *Wanganui Chronicle* are from that writer's pen. Mr. Corby also corresponds with journals outside his immediate district.

## MR. TIM. JEWEL.

Mr. Jewell, who has for a number of years been associated with the newspaper press of Palmerston North, takes a keen interest in racing, and is rarely absent from the many meetings held within fifty miles of that thriving centre, which he has made his headquarters. He has had to do with the ownership of a few useful horses, and one of the last in which he is interested to win races is Sir Geraint. Mr. Jewell has been contributing sporting topics under the *nom de plume* of "Geraint," and represents more than one sporting paper as "special correspondent."

**Mr. DANVERS HAMBER**
**"Petronel."**

**Mr. FRED THOMAS**
**"Templar."**

**Mr. ALF. DICKSON**
**"Canterbury Times."**

## MR. DANVERS HAMBER.

Mr. Hamber was born in England, where his father was for some time editor of the London *Standard*. A few years ago he came out to New Zealand with the intention of going into farming, but an early acquaintance with press work led him to drift into the old groove, and he engaged for some time on a journal devoted to mining, and afterwards accepted the editorship of the *Sporting Review*, later on joining the sporting staff of the *Weekly Press* and *Referee* as editor. From the outset of his career as a sporting journalist Mr. Hamber has retained the *nom de plume* of "Petronel," the name of the best son old Musket left in England before coming to New Zealand's shores.

## MR. FRED. THOMAS.

Mr. Thomas, who has been a member of the sporting staff of the *Weekly Press* and *Referee* for about seven years, was born in New Zealand, and was first connected with the commercial department of the *Press* Company, and was for some time one of the stock market reporters. The "Notes and Comments" and "Trotting Talk" columns in the *Referee* are from the pen of "Templar," whose numerous friends will be pleased to learn that he is now engaged in compiling and editing, with the assistance of Mr. A. J. Rattray, Secretary of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting and other clubs, a work which must become one of national importance, "The Trotting Stud Book of New Zealand." Mr. Thomas has had considerable experience in yachting, and has taken an active part in all sorts of athletics. He is Chairman of the Press Stand at Riccarton.

## MR. ALF. DICKSON.

Mr. Alf. Dickson, sporting editor of the *Canterbury Times*, was born in Milton, and was educated in Dunedin. His journalistic training was commenced in the reading-room of the *Dunedin Star*. Later he was employed on different provincial papers in Otago, prior to taking an appointment on the *Canterbury Times* in 1900. In 1902, on the return of Mr. T. H. Davey to Parliament, Mr. Dickson succeeded him in charge of the sporting department of the paper, a position which he still holds.

**Mr. T. H. DAVEY, M.H.R.**

## MR. T. H. DAVEY.

Mr. T. H. Davey, M.H.R. for one of the Christchurch seats from November, 1902, was born in Liskeard, Cornwall, England, in 1856, and educated at Uxbridge, Middlesex. He served an apprenticeship on the *Buckinghamshire Advertiser,* and was later on employed on the *Middlesex Gazette,* coming to New Zealand and settling with his parents at Feilding in 1874. Here he remained, gaining experience of sawmilling and bush farming life, until 1881, after which he again entered the printing business, and became attached to the *Lyttelton Times,* with which paper he was associated almost continuously until his return to Parliament. Eight months after being returned a member of the St. Albans Borough Council, he was elected Mayor, and has served as a member of the Christchurch Hospital and Domain Boards, as Vice-President of the Typographical Society, President of the *Lyttelton Times'* Sick Fund Society, and for many years was "Father" of the *Lyttelton Times* Companionship. For a number of years he controlled the sporting columns of the *Canterbury Times,* his writings, while outspoken, being always marked by a sense of fairness, which won him the respect of the racing community.

## MR. A. BARGE.

How much New Zealand is indebted to Mr. Barge, the compiler of the "Racing Statistics of New Zealand" for a period dating back just on twenty years, it would be impossible to say, but "Pentagraph's" tabulations are always looked forward to with the greatest possible interest. Mr. Barge has not taken an extensive part in the business of racing outside the compilations referred to, but he has played cricket in representative teams in England and in this colony, and has been a regular contributor for the *Referee* on that game, and on athletics generally, for over twenty years, and it is not the editor's fault that his photo does not find a place with those of brother scribes.

## MR. SKIPWITH.

Mr. Skipwith, who has only during the past few years joined the ranks of sporting writers under the name of "Sir Bedevere," is one who deals with racing from the practical side, having gained his knowledge in the school of experience as an owner and trainer of flat and jumping horses, of which latter special mention may be made of that good hurdler St. Simon, by St. Leger from Winnie, dam of Record Reign, Up-to-Date, and others of a good class. "Sir Bedevere" is only one of many sporting writers who have been through the racing mill, so to speak, and who have thus been able to give to their readers the benefit of invaluable lessons they have learned. Mr. Skipwith recently acted as Stipendiary Steward for the Stratford Racing Club.

## MR. ULIC SHANNON.

Mr. Shannon, who has charge of the sporting pages of the *New Zealand Mail*, and has for several years written under the *nom de plume* of "Advance," previously adopted the title of "Oeileus," and for several seasons furnished racing statistics for the colony in various journals. He has acted as correspondent for several weekly papers outside his immediate district, and has been acting for a number of Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Marlborough Racing Clubs, as deputy-handicapper; also handicapper for several trotting clubs, and for quite a number of athletic institutions on the West Coast of the North Island and in the Wairarapa.

## MR. R. G. PARDY.

Mr. "Bob" Pardy, as his friends invariably refer to him, has for many years been connected with the Taranaki *Herald and Budget*, at New Plymouth, and has been sporting contributor to the papers referred to, and correspondent for the *Weekly Press* and *Referee* for some considerable time. Mr. Pardy has also done some handicapping in the Taranaki district.

## MR. JAMES SELFE.

Mr. James Selfe ("Hermit"), who contributed to the *Weekly Press* and to the *Weekly Press* and *N.Z. Referee* for some years up to about twelve years ago, is still a resident of Christchurch. His articles on "Racing Men I've Met" and "Bye-gone Cracks," which appeared in that paper soon after their amalgamation, were read with much interest, as also his gossip on "Turf Topics" generally.

# MR. JOSEPH CHADWICK.

Mr. Joseph Chadwick was born near Ararat, Victoria, July 17, 1856, and is the eldest son of Mr. Joseph Chadwick, long-time horse and cattle salesman, of Wanganui. A love for horses was cultivated and encouraged early. Before he was seven years old he had received some lessons in riding, and he remembers a

pony running away with him, and galloping home, distancing a small field of followers, including some welter weights, whose horses had no chance in the unequal contest. This was on the Lachlan, N.S.W., and logs were jumped, and, finally, a stable gate, in safety, thanks to the cleverness of the pony and parental foresight, for young Joe had been strapped on. This was the first incident of a sporting nature that impressed itself on his memory. Another was witnessing the wind-up of a kangaroo hunt, and seeing a favourite dog being attended and treated for

wounds inflicted by an old man kangaroo. A horse supposed to be owned by Gardener, the bushranger, was seen on the overland journey to Sydney, and was ever kept in memory. Coming to Dunedin, and then on to Havelock, at the time of the Whakamarina rush, and finally settling in Wanganui in 1865, the subject of this sketch saw a little more of horses. He attended his first race meeting on the Wanganui course in that year, when a little over nine years of age, and has kept in touch with the sport ever since. As a matter of fact, he has been writing on racing since the latter end of 1869, and continuously since 1874, under the *nom de plume* of "Spectator," about which time he joined the staff of the *Wanganui Herald* under the late Mr. John Ballance, who had not then entered Parliamentary life. For a time he was obliged to take to a life in the country, owing to a severe illness, and he later on went into a corn and produce business with Mr. J. P. Belcher, with whom he did some racing. He maintained his position as sporting writer for the *Wanganui Herald* for seven years, meanwhile getting further and further North, Waitotara, Patea, and the Waimate Plains being tried in turn. After visiting Auckland markets with stock, chiefly horses, of which he brought over 1,200 there in four years from the Taranaki-Wanganui coast, in conjunction with the late Mr. John Morton—some of them rare fencers—he settled in Auckland until 1889, and raced on his own account, or in partnership with others, a good many horses, including a large percentage of jumpers. From his school days he was never a season without a horse or two to race at the Wanganui and district meetings, and had as many as thirty racing during one year later on, as he was continually buying and selling.

For a time he wrote the sporting gossip for the *Auckland Bell* and *Observer*, and in February, 1889, accepted control of the sporting columns of the *Weekly Press*. Later on he was instrumental in bringing about the purchase and amalgamation of the *N.Z. Referee* with that journal, and was continuously engaged on the sporting staff for twelve years up to 1901, when, on leaving Christchurch to return to Auckland to join the staff of the *Auckland Star* and act as Auckland correspondent of the *Weekly Press* and *Referee*, he was presented by Canterbury sporting friends with a number of valued mementoes and a purse of sovereigns, and also made the recipient of a number of gifts at the hands of his co-workers. He is still associated with the papers referred to.

For several years, while residing in the Wanganui district, late in the seventies and early eighties, Mr. Chadwick acted as honorary handicapper for a dozen or more of the country clubs on the coast between Foxton and Waitara, the Rangitikei Racing Club being the first, and later on for several Southern clubs in the

same capacity. About three years ago he was tempted to enter the field which has grown to such large dimensions, and was first appointed by the Wellington Racing Club. He soon found his services in request, and has acted for twenty-three clubs since in different parts of New Zealand, including two in Canterbury as deputy, and the old-established Geraldine Racing Club. At intervals he has acted as starter with the flag, and before the late Mr. Sam. Powell took up the position with such signal success, Mr. Chadwick started horses belonging to that trainer-owner. In rowing, athletics, football, coursing, and field shooting he has had some experience, and has met with some success in each department. He was more than an average target shot while in the Wanganui Cadets, Rifles, Alfred Troop, and Patea Cavalry, and got a few weeks' experience of what active service was like at the front early in life while assisting his father in connection with the commissariat of the Wanganui Cavalry when that troop, under Captain Finamore, and the Kai Iwi Cavalry Corps, under Captain John Bryce, were on outpost duty holding Titokowaru in check. Hunting in different parts of the colony has claimed some of his attention from the time of the first paper chases in Wanganui, when there were no hounds. Later on, when there were hounds and no hares, he got the assistance of Patea settlers to bring the Otago hounds to that district. He hunted regularly for years in Auckland, and on one memorable occasion at Parramatta, Sydney, with the Cumberland Hounds. He rode third on three occasions trying to capture the Pakuranga Hunt Club Cup, and third in the Hunt Club Hurdle Race, but previously had won a few small races as a lad at country and station meetings. A race for officials of the Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club he also secured. Mr. Chadwick has acted in nearly all official positions in connection with racing and trotting, and was one of the first handicappers for the Wanganui Trotting Club, the first trotting club formed in New Zealand. He has won many jumping and other prizes at agricultural shows; has acted as judge of horses and jumping competitions in both islands, and has assisted in the purchase of several shipments of horses for foreign export.

Mr. Chadwick witnessed steeplechasing well on toward the seventies, first at Aramoho, Wanganui, where the country was formidable, and the water, a deep running brook, was the scene of many a swim. Early in the seventies he ran a Pacific gelding called Happy Joe in the Maiden Steeplechase there, and he was the only one to successfully jump the water at the meeting, though such horses as Mr. Owen McGee's Quicksilver were racing. Happy Joe was winning by a street, but dislodged his rider, George Ross, at the last fence. Next year, with Euchre, he finished second to New Zealander in the same race, the late Mr. John Higgie being on Euchre. These were Mr. Chadwick's first

jumpers. The first good flat horse he owned was a Peter Flat gelding called Folly, a grey, and he had an interest in that gelding when he won several good races after parting with him. He raced either on his own account, or in conjunction with others, many useful horses on the flat and some good horses over country. Satellite, Elsa, May Moon, Mystery, Exchange, Notice of Motion, Fair Play, Manaia, Claude, Marquis, Topthorn, New Year, Whalebone, Larry, and Quilp, were some of them, and there were very few courses in the North Island where he did not have representatives at one period or another, chiefly in jumping contests. He won races at Rangitikei, Turakina, Waverley, Wanganui, Wellington, Patea, Hawera, Manaia, Parihaka, New Plymouth, and Waitara, and on Ellerslie, Epsom, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Cambridge, Papakura, Waipu, Mangawhare, Dargaville, Whangarei, Takapuna, and other Auckland courses, and a few races in Hawke's Bay. He scored also in Southern parts—Blenheim, Nelson, Riccarton, and Rangiora—but, as before stated, he has not been racing for a good many years.

During Mr. Chadwick's long connection with racing and sporting journalism he has met most of the prominent sporting writers, and has included in his book a number of those at present engaged in writing topics of the day, and would have added more had space been at his command and photos. been forthcoming. It has fallen to his lot to write the obituaries of many well-remembered purveyors of sporting gossip:—Mr. Chapman ("Auger"), of the *Australasian*, who visited New Zealand a few years after joining that paper; Mr. Fred Digby ("The Loafer in the Street" and "Sinbad"), of the Christchurch *Weekly Press;* Mr. King ("Vigilant"), of the *Wellington Post;* Mr. "Ned" Griffiths ("Senex"), of the Christchurch *Weekly Press;* Mr. A. Bird ("Sir Lancelot"), of the *N.Z. Referee;* Mr. Andrew Jackson ("Hippona"), of the *Auckland Star;* Mr. Geo. Slater ("Gipsy King"), of the *Press* and *Referee;* Mr. James Duigan ("Flaneur"), of the *Wanganui Herald*, and many others who have crossed the great divide. He has also had to refer to the removal from this sphere of numerous prominent racing men who have helped to make racing history, and he has a collection of photographs of many of these old-time supporters of racing, which he trusts to present in book form at some future time when he can make the list more complete.

Soon after joining the staff of the *Press* Company he induced the directors to take up the publication of the "New Zealand Turf Register," which had been discontinued by Messrs. Walker and Whetham, of Dunedin, through lack of support. It has been carried on for seventeen issues without a break. He wrote a lengthy historical sketch of racing in Wanganui from 1848 to 1898, and is the author of the present work, "Men of Mark in the World of Sport."

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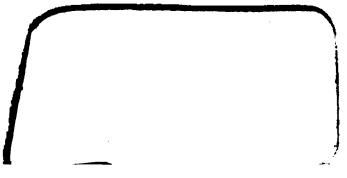

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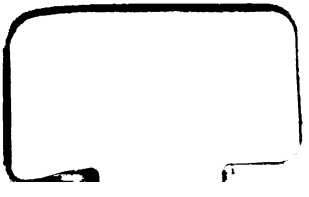

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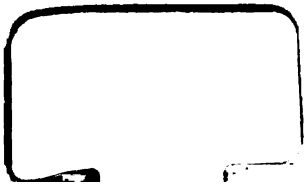
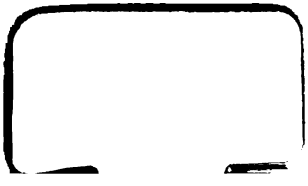
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